

88 That to be free the child to be at their disposal to be
it free or keep it as a slave & also give to Lydia Anne
Sarah Anne Margaret Short, Nancy Webster, the
movable property equally to be divided among them
after the lawful debts is paid. I also allow the negro
to stay on the place till the crop is secured and
I make and ordain James Blair & William
Blair Executors of this my last will in trust for the
benefit a purpose in this my will contained, and
I make James Blair & William Blair overseer of
this my last will to take care and see the same per-
formed according to my true intent and meaning
In witness whereof I Mary Short have to this my last
will and Testament set my hand and Seal this 17
Day of September Eighteen hundred and nine
Signed sealed and delivered by the said Mary Short
in and for her last will and testament in the presence
of us who were present at the signing and sealing
thereof

George Brown
John Pratt
Thomas Knight

Mary Short Seal

John Herron

In the name of God Amen
I John Herron of Rockingham County State of
North Carolina being sick & weak in Body but of
sound mind & memory bequeath to God as maker, or-
dainer, constitute & appoint this my last will &
Testament in manner & form as follows (Vizt)
I will that my four negroes Ned, Jack, Nelly & Nancy
be hired out yearly until my children arrives
of full age & further if my wife is not able with
her force to till all the clear land I wish her
to rent the remainder out & if she should think
her stock over large for her to till such as she

89 may deem proper and all moneys which may
arise from the hire of my negroes or sale of any
of my personal property to be put to use & as
my six children arrives of full age to be equally
divided among them that is to say David, Anna,
Isabella, James, & John & Sonny & further I will
that my land be divided equally among my six
children first before mentioned & further all my
negroes divided among my children as above
I will that my wife Jean Herron & William
Wrighte Execute this my last will in manner &
form as above mentioned In Testimony thereof
I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 3 of July 1807

Robert Barr
Francis Hodges

John Herron Seal

Gordon Smith

In the name of God Amen I Gordon Smith of
Rockingham County State of North Carolina being
deeply impressed with the certainty of death and
desiring to settle all my temporal affairs while
the Lord in his great mercy bless me with strength
of mind do make, and ordain this instrument of
writing my last will and testament making
all and every other one heretofore made
null & void to my beloved wife Molly Smith
during her natural life all the land that I may
be possessed of to be used by her for her support
but not to commit unnecessary waste in timber
or clearing

Item I leave to my said wife during her natural
life all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs,
all my house hold & kitchen furniture and all
my plantation utensils except such things as are