

1887
Hand and seal this twelveth day of April in the year of our Lord 1773
The interlment between the sixteenth and seventeenth lines
Signed, Sealed, delivered, pronounced in the
presence of us, who in presence of S. James
Carson, subscribed our names as witnesses

John Gardiner
Jack Brown
Michael Brown,



Elizabeth Shapp's Last Will, Vide the Original in Deedst.

August Court
1775 } In the Name of God Amen. —
I William Douglas of Rowan County in
the Province of North Carolina being sick in body but thanks to
God living in perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this
my last Will and Testament. First I commit my soul to God who
gave it me. And my body according to the Law, to be buried
at the discretion of my executors, neither Doubting but at the last
day it shall be raised again. And touching my worldly
affairs. I have and bequeath unto my lawful and beloved wife
Mary her livelihood on the plantation and in the house now
lived in during her natural life, and no moveable estate
allow to be sold according to Law, which I leave to her except sum
of pounds, which I leave to my daughter S. C.
bequeath unto my beloved sons David and Solomon
now living to be divided equally between
equal part of all expenses occurring on their
wife or may be spared. Also allow one
and two and twenty dollars yearly to each

John Carson

Born the coming of my Gray-mare, & attorney grandson William Maule bequeath one pair of
Sheep having a white mane and tail unto my grand daughter Mary, to wear, knowe or wear
what ever colour I desire to say. Item bequeath to my beloved wife Mary all the money now due
to my estate after all my lawful debts paid & loss of all documents appear in my will
my son Solomon to be the Executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby dissolving and
making void all former wills and Testaments, witness my hand and seal this first day
of September 1773.

William Young,
John Cleghorn,
James Ross.

William Douglas
Mark

May Court } In the Name of God Amen this first Day of
1775 January in the year of our Lord 1772 A.D. I John Holmes
Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to
say friendly and first of all I command my soul into the
hands of God that gave it and for my body I command it to the Earth
to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the
discretion of my executors nothing Doubting but at the general
recreation I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God
and as touching my worldly estate of it both personal and
real I give and bequeath this life to my wife and dispose of the
same in way and manner following Dif.

I protest it is my will and Desire that in the first place that
all my debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied and I
allow twenty pounds to be given to Lazarus and Susanna, Michael
D'Utria and thirty shillings to Widow Boyd in or near Mrs
Dutey Boyd's inheritance and I allow my wife ~~to discharge her duty to her daughter Elizabeth~~
to discharge her duty to her daughter Elizabeth in giving her
part as well as any of the rest & I allow the rest to my
wife and the two boys William and Richard During her life
& when she shall be equally Divided according to quantum dubit
and at her death I allow her part to be equally Divided between
them & follow my wife Elizabeth and Richard &
I and from her death my debts is paid

Twenty Shillings to each that is to say Mary, Mary Jean
Eleanore James and Fiddley Dixallow all former Testaments
and Wills made by me ratifying & confirming this to be my
last Will and testament in witness whereunto I have set my
hand and Seal the Day and year mentioned signed Sealed
(and pronounced to be valid & Relied on the present of the subscribers
Josephine Rose.
Nabelle Rose. John Holmes Seal

May Court 1775 In the Name of God Among the twentieth day of October
in the Year our Lord 1775 I Matthew Woods of North Carolina
In the County of Rowan being old, weak of Body and Memory and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament and as touching such worldly Estate
wherewith I have pleased God to bless me in this life I give & leave
my Dower of the same in the following manner and form. —
I impress. On the first place I commit my Soul to Almighty God
and my Body to the Earth to be decently buried at the Direction
of my Executors, on the next place I order all my just Debts and
unjust Expenses to be paid and satisfied.
Item I give and Bequeath unto Robert Woods my beloved Son the sum
of five Shillings sterling I give to my well beloved Son David the sum
of Two Shillings, I give to my well beloved Daughter Amy and her Husband
two Shillings sterling I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Daughter
Elizabeth two Shillings I give and Bequeath unto my well beloved
Son Matthew after my Decease the sum that I now lieve is about likewise
order and allow that my Son Matthew shall make to my Son Josephine
and for the place that lies upon jumping from like
to My Decease the Waggon and among the rest of
equally divided between

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giv and Bequeath unto my Son Josephine after my Decease Great but
short and all the Tools Belonging to the Shop, I likewise give unto
my Son Matthew the Kettle and all the things belonging to the Mill
House Likewise give unto my Son Matthew just the Negro Wench
Likewise give unto Son Josephine Peter the Negro Boy of I likewise Order
that my two Sons Matthew and Joseph shall have two Cores each of them
then I order that the rest of my Effects be sold and equally divided to both my
sons sons Matthew Samuel and Joseph as the same proper themselves but I am
to have all the Disposing of all those things while I live and the rest to be Divided
to after my Decease Order that my two Sons Matthew and Joseph pay to my
Son Matthew one half of my Decease Money, two pounds per annuum during Each
Year Likewise constitute make and ordain my well beloved Sons Matthew
and Joseph to be my only & Sole Executors of this my last Will and
Testament, And I do hereby command Likewise I allow Likewise in
dividing all and Every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, and
Executors by me in any ways before this time named valid and I
Bequeath, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my
last Will and Testament in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand
and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed and published pronounced and declared
the said Matthew Woods as his last Will and Testament
in presence of us the subscribers.

Protestant the 1st of March 1775

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M. Woods } The last last Will and Testament
1775 } of James Woods, In the Name of God I James Woods of the County of Rowan and Province of North
Carolina farmer being very sick and weak of body and of my last
mind and Memory thanks be to God Calling into the Vicinity
of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do
make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in these
and former following. First I give and Bequeath unto
my Son Matthew the Waggon and among the rest of