

(10) In the name of God amen the fourteenth of Oc-
tober in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred eighty six. I Joseph Shelly Junior, of the
County of Rowan and State of North Carolina,
being sick & weak in body, but perfect in mind &
Memory, thanks be to God for the same and call-
ing to mind the mortality of my body, and know-
ing that it is appointed for all men once to die
do make and ordain this my last will and
Testament in the manner & form following viz.
In the first place I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth
my wife beloved wife (whom I likewise constitute
make and ordain one of my executors of this my
last will & testament) my plantation whereon
I now reside containing four hundred acres
(one hundred & fifty acres included for my eldest
son Benjamin) with all the plantation tools
thereunto belonging also the two black horses known
by the name of Rock & Smoker, all my stock of
Cattle, sheep, hogs, household furniture and
movables to be at her disposal for the use of
my family during her widowhood. I do also
empower her my said wife to keep all my chil-
dren who are now at home, and under her di-
rection, to keep govern direct & educate untill
such time as they shall be capable of providing
for themselves. But on condition she my said
wife should marry again after my decease
I do give & bequeath unto her my said wife

the two black horses above named, two cows, one saddle
and bridle with one feather bed & furniture to be by
her family possessed and enjoyed forever, and whate-
ver else of my estate shall then be found in her hands
to be sold and divided amongst my following chil-
dren viz. James, Richard, Thomas, Joseph, and Eliza-
beth equally; I do also give & bequeath unto Ben-
jamin my son the land above mentioned to
be by him freely possessed & enjoyed forever. I do
also give & bequeath unto my son James one bay
horse known by the name of Chestnut to be by him
freely possessed & enjoyed forever. I do likewise
constitute make & ordain Thomas Moore the
other of my executors of this my last will and tes-
tament. And I do hereby utterly disavow re-
voke & disannul all and every other former
Testaments, wills & legacies requested & granted
by me in any way before this time named wills
and bequeaths ratifying & confirming this to
be other to be my last will & testament. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the
day & year above written. Signed sealed pub-
lished & declared by the said Joseph Shelly Junior
as his last will & testament in the presence of
us Daniel Boyd }
Isaac Nichols } Joseph & Shelly
William McConade } his
mark