

and William Lewis and Maken being made to me
was Ordered to be recorded

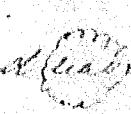
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J. Williams & Co.

In the Name of God amen, I James Sheppard Int. of the
County of Surry and State of North Carolina being in perfect
health and sound Memory but as life and since is uncertain I do
constitute and appoint this my last will and Testament, first
I humbly bequeath my soul to Almighty God, who give it.
through the Merit of Redemer, I then Give and bequeath unto
my Daughter Sarah Good forty Shillings, and to my daughter
Elizabeth Newby and son James forty Shillings each and to
my daughter Mary Willis forty Shillings I then I lend unto
my beloved wife the Land whereon I now live with all Stock
and house furniture there unto belonging during her life and
hood or until ^{such time} my two youngest sons John and Henry comes of
Age, then my said wife to enjoy the third of the same in like
Manner during her widowhood, and then the Land to be
divided as follows to my son John and his Heir if any from the
first Branch below the Indian old field on the west side of the
Creek, downwards as the Survey runs, and to my son Henry
from said Branch upwards as the Survey runs and in Case
my son John should die without a Lawfull Heir then my son
Henry to enjoy the whole Survey of said Land, I then Give & bequeath
unto my son Henry my still, and a Negro fellow named Will
I then Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Lucy a young
servile Slave as her property to dispose of her and her Increase as
she thinks proper, I then Give and bequeath unto my Daughter
Martha, a Negro Girl named Jemima when married. I then
Give and bequeath unto my son Henry and Daughter Martha
the whole Stock and house furniture to be Equally Divided between
them. Note in Case Henry should die before he comes of Age then

then, what I have will & him to be divided between John
and Martha in case Martha should die before she comes
of age, then what I have left her, to be divided between
John and Henry Note. I appoint as the Executors of this
my last will and testament, my two sons William &
James and Samuel Truman, and charge them with
the payment of my Legacies and Debts to be liquid out
of my Estate in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this 30th day of May in the year of
our Lord 1779.

Test. Tho: Barron

James Sheppard 
mark.

Surry County August Court. 1781.

Thomas Barron one of the subscribing witnesses to the last
Will and Testament of James Sheppard Dec^d. made
Oath that he saw the said James Sheppard Assign publish
and declare the same to be his last will and testament
Certified by

Jo: Williams Clk.

NOW attorned by these presents that we James Sheppard
William Sheppard William Underwood William Cook &
James Gains are held and firmly Bound us to Thomas
Bewick Esq: Governor of the State of North Carolina &
his Successors, in the full sum of five hundred thousand
pounds current money of said State to which payment
will and truly to be made to the said Thomas Bewick Esq:
and his Successors We bind our selves our Heirs Executors
and Administrators each of them jointly and severally
firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and
dated this 16th day of August A D 1781.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas
the above Bounden James Sheppard hath this day been Examined