

signed sealed published and
Dated in presence of us

William Shelton

James Gainer Jurat
Benjamin Smith
William Austin

North Carolina, Surry County, February term 1785.

James Gainer one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
last will & testament of William Shelton; made oath that he
saw the said William Shelton sign publish & declare the
same to be his last will & testament, that he was of sound
disposing mind and memory; and at the same time he saw
Benjamin Smith & William Austin, sign the same as
witnesses; and ordered to be recorded.

Recorded accordingly J. W. Williams Clk

Whereas I Robert Summers of the County of Surry
and province of North Carolina taking into solid consi-
deration the uncertainty of life and certainty of death
here do live and ordain the following lines as my last
will & testament, that is to say principally and first
of all. I commend my Soul to God who gave it me
and for my body, I commend, that to the earth to be
buried in a christian like decent manner at the

And as touching such worldly substance wherewith it hath
pleased the Lord to bless me with all, I have dispose distribute
and bequeath thereof in the following manner and form to wit,
First my will is that all my just debts should be paid in
due time. Secondly my will is and I hereby order that my
beloved wife should have the third of all the moveables.
And further my will is that the line between my son Thomas
and my son Robert should begin at a big popple tree standing
upon the bank of the creek and to run North and South across
the tract, and for the lower part to be equally divided between
my son Docter and Thomas; Docter to have the lower part
and Thomas the upper part; and the second division to begin at
the rocky point above my field where I now live to run
North and South across the tract and it is my will that
what land lays between the last mentioned line & Thomas's
upper line, that my youngest son Robert should have it and
also that my wife should have her time on it, while she remains
my widow and the remainder part of the tract I leave to be
sold and thirty five pounds fourteen shillings of the money to be
paid to my son William the rest to pay my debts. And further it
is my will; That these three sons to whom I have left land
that they should not have none of the moveables nor William neither
Further I leave all the rest of the moveables to be divided and
equally divided between my two sons and four daughters
Namely, Caleb, Joshua, Phoebe, Prudence, Abigail and
Sarah. Be it further noticed that after my wifes death
if

if my son Robert should die without an heir, then for his part
of the land to be equally divided between Caleb & Joshua,
and the four girls before mentioned. I constitute order
appoint and leave my trusty friends and relations Boaler
Sumner and Boaler Daley the whole & sole executors of
this my will to order and dispose thereof according to my
desire to the best of their knowledge; And lastly I hereby
utterly renounce, revoke and disannul all former wills
testaments or legacies by me made or that may appear in
my name, except such legacies distributed lawfully in my
life time, confirming, declaring and allowing this & no
other to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof
I have ~~presented~~ interchangeably put my hand, affixed my seal
this thirty first day of the tenth month, in the year of our
Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five 1775.

Signed & sealed in the presence of us - } Robert Sumner (Seal)

Wm. ^{his} Garrison

Strangerman Stanley Jurat,

North Carolina, Surry County May term AD 1785
Strangerman Stanley a subscribing witness to the foregoing
last will & testament of Robert Sumner made oath
that he saw the said Robert Sumner sign, publish and
declare the same to be his last will & testament, that he was
of sound disposing mind and memory. And at the same
time he saw Wm. Garrison sign the same as a witness

