

In the name of God amen, I William Shelton of Surry County and State
of North Carolina, being in a low state of health, but of sound memory
and perfect mind blessed be God. Do this day being the nineteenth
of September and in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven
hundred and eighty three, do make and publish this my last
will and testament in manner following.

First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Shelton
all my real and personal estate during her life or widowhood,
after her decease or second marriage my desire is that all of
said estate shall be sold for what it will sell for to the
highest bidder, both land and moveables, and the amount of
said sale, after my just debts is paid to be equally divided

betwixt my eight children, with a deduction of the value of one
feather bed without furniture, formerly let my daughter Peter
Smith have, also one horse let my son Nathaniel Shelton have

But before a division of the sum arising from the amount of
said estate, my desire is that my youngest daughter Rebecca
from her present infirmity shall have twenty five pounds,
in specie over and above a child's part of said sum.

I have two parcels of land, one lying on the head of mountain
branch, the other on the head of Snow Creek, which entirely my
desire is they shall be sold and the money arising therefrom
to be received by my wife Mary Shelton for the assistance of
her in raising my family. And I hereby make & ordain
my brother James Shelton, Benjamin Smith and
James Gainer executors for this my last will &

Witness my hand & seal this 19th day of September 1803

Shelton have to this my last will & testament set my hand
and fixed my seal the day and date as above written.

Signed sealed published and
Dated in presence of us

William Shelton Seal

James Gaines Jurat

Benjamin Smith

William Austin

North Carolina, Surry County February term 1785.

James Gaines 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. Withings 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
have do here and ordain the following lines as my last
will & testament, that is to say principally and first
of all. I recommend my Soul to God who gave it me
and for my body, I recommend, that to the earth to be