

In the name of God Amen I Crispin Shelton of the County of Pittsylvania and Cambden Parish being low and weak of body, tho of sound mind and (?) memory do think fit to make and ordain this my last will and testament in a manner and form following Im?

Item I give and bequeath to my **son Abraham Shelton** my Negro Man named (illegible), my Negro boy Page, my Negro Women old Susy? And Tenor? And my Negro Girl Dicey, and their future increases to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my **son Gabriel Shelton** my Negroe man named Sam, my Negroe boy Patrick, my Negroe Women old Phillis and young Phillis and their future increases to him and his heirs and assigns forever, also one feather bed.

Item I give and bequeath to my **son Lewis Shelton** my Negroe man named Norm (Van?) my Negroe boy Moses and my Negroe Girls Jane and Sa(?) and their future increase to him and his heirs and assigns forever, also my bay Horse Brandy and one feather bed.

Item I give and bequeath to my **son Beverley Shelton** my Negroe man named James, my Negroe boy Carver(?), my Negroe Woman Fanny and my Negroe Girl Bidoith(?) and their future increase to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Also my bay Horse Colt, one Cow, one Steer and four head Sheep, and one feather bed.

Item I give and bequeath to my **son Spencer Shelton** my Negroe man named Charles my Negroe boy Hampton and my Negroe Women young Patt(?) and young Lucy and their future increase to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my **son Armistead Shelton** my Negroe man Squire my Negroe boy Davis, my Negroe woman Salley and my Negro Girl Anne and their future increase to him and his heirs and assigns forever., also one feather bed.

Item I give and bequeath to my **son Vincent Shelton** my Negro man named Essex, my Negro boy West (or Wash), my Negro Woman Betty my Girls Rhoda and Edey and their future increase. Also my watch, my Sorrel Mare, two Cows and Calves and six head of Sheep to him and to his Heirs & Assigns forever. Also my large Book Biskal?

Item I give and bequeath to my **Grand son Crispin Shelton (Son of Abraham Shelton)** my Negro man named Davy and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I lend to my **Daughter Elizabeth Hurt** during her life my Negro boys Aaron and Isaac and my Negro woman Amey and my Negro Girl Agge and their future increase, also one feather bed, and after her decrease I give them my said Negroes Aaron and Isaac & Amey & Agge and all their said increase (?) to be equally divided amounts all my said daughter Elizabeth's children and to their respective heirs forever.

Item I lend to my **daughter Jane Todd** during her life my Negro boys Joe and Randolph, and my Negro woman old Patt? And my Negro Girl Prissilla and their future increase. Also one feather bed and at her decrease I then give to said Negroe Joe, Randolph, old Patt & Prissilla and ? bed to be equally divided amongst all my said daughter Janes children and to their respective heirs forever.

Item I lend to my **daughter Susanna Dickerson** during her life my Negroe man named Will, my Negroe boy Stephen, my Negroe Girls Rachel and Delpha and their future increase, and after her decrease I give

then my said Negroes Will, Stephen, Rachel & Delpha to be equally divided amongst all my said daughter Susannah's children and to their respective heirs forever; and my Will and desire is that in care my said daughters Elizabeth Hurt, Jane Todd and Susannah Dickerson or either of them, or the husbands of them or either of them should embezzle or waste or be about to embezzle or waste or cause or suffer the same to be done in anywise whatsoever any of the said Negroes as but to my said daughters respectively my Executors herein after named shall have full power and are hereby required to seize and take possession of all such Negroes or Negresses so embezzled or about to be embezzled (or any other person or persons deputed by them) and them to ? out for and towards the support and maintenance? Of my said daughters or their children respectively.

Item I give and bequeath to my said daughter Susanna Dickerson my large bay Mare, one Cow and Calf and three Ewes and to her heirs forever.

Item I lend to my beloved wife Lettice during her life or widowhood four hundred acres of land, the upper part the tract I now live on including the houses and plantation on which I now live with its appointed ? thereunto belonging and after her decrease I then give and bequeath to my said son Vincent Shelton and to his heirs and assigns forever the said four hundred acres of land which I lent unto my said wife Lettice it being the upper part of the tract I now live on, including the houses and plantation with all its appurtenances.

Item I give and bequeath to my said son Vincent Shelton all the residue of the tract of land on which I now live it being the lower part of my said tract with all its appurtenances to him and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my said son Vincent Shelton all my tract of land lying on both sides White Thorn Creek with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging also my late Survey of land adjoining my said tract on White thorn Creek with its' appurtenances to him and to his heirs & assigns forever, and after my funeral expenses are paid I lend to my beloved wife Lettice during her life my Negroes Gloucester, Graff and Sue with her future increase together with all the residue of my stocks of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, household furniture and plantation utensels and after the decrease of my said wife my will and desire is that the slaves and other personal Estate I do herein lend her shall be distributed amongst my children as followeth, to wit,

Item I give and bequeath to my son Abram Shelton and to his heir and assigns forever the above named Negroes Gruff (Essuff?), I give and bequeath to my son Gabriel Shelton and to his heirs & assigns forever the above named Mulatto Gloucester:

Item I give and bequeath to my son Vincent Shelton my Mulatto woman Sue with her future increase to him and to his heirs and assigns forever; and the residue of the stocks of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, household and kitchen furniture shall be equally divided amongst all my children, also all my plantation utensils. Also my will and desire is that my Still and wagon be sold for the best price that can be got and the money arising from such sale to be applied towards discharging my just debts and in case the articles should not be sufficient the balance shall be made up out of the respective legacies of each of my children within and above named. I do hereby ordain, constitute and appoint my said sons Abraham Shelton, Beverley Shelton, and Vincent Shelton my whole and sole Executors to this my last will and testament, making said disannulling and re-soaking all other will or wills heretofore by me made. In

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty ninth day of October one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of Leonard Shelton, Em C. Taylor, Daniel, Shelton, Tho Tunstall Jun.

Crispin Shelton, LS (SS?)

At a court held for Pittsylvania County the 17th day of February 1794 This last Will and Testament of Crispin Shelton deceased was exhibited into Court by Beverly Shelton and Vincent Shelton surviving Grantors herein named, who made Oath hereto, according to law, and the same being proved by the oaths of two of the subscribing witnesses was ordered to be recorded and on the ? of the said Executors, who having first together with David Parnill, John Shelton, Thomas Tunstall, Charles Lewis Jun., Daniel Shelton, Benjamin Shelton, Crispin Shelton, William Todd, Spencer Shelton, Griffith Dickerson and Armistead Shelton their securities entered into Bond and acknowledged the same Certificate was granted them for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form.

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Will Tunstall CS?