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**Document Title: Will of James Gheen (ca 1740 – 1796),
Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, Revolutionary War
Patriot**

Source: Rowan County, North Carolina, Will Book G: 70-71

A transcription of the will follows, and images of the will are on page 2 and 3 of this document. My comments are enclosed in brackets [].

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In the name of God Amen! I James Gheen sen^r
of Rowan County & State of N. Carolina (Cabinet Maker)
being weak of body, though of perfect mind and memory thanks
be to God for his Mecy's and calling to mind the mortality of
my body & knowing, it is appointed for all men once to die
do make & ordain this my last will & test: in the manner &
form following, that is to say First & principally I recommend
my soul into the hand of almighty God, who gave it me, &
my body to the earth to be buried, in a decent & Christian like
manner at the Discretion of my executors, & as touching my
wordly estate, wherewith it had pleased God to bless me in
this life I give & dispose of in the following manner (to wit)
I give & devise to my well beloved wife Elizabeth, two feather
beds & furniture thereof, likewise all my household furniture
& her []ing riding sadle, also one milk cow, I also give & devise
to my said wife the house wherein I now live together with the
whole of the cleared land, to be possessed by her during her life
or during her widowhood, but in case she marry's to hold
no longer possession of the same. I give & devise to my well
beloved son James Gheen fifty acres of land to be taken
of from the north side of the tract I now live on by a
straight line to run from Kincard's line to Farguson's
line Including the place he now lives on. I give & devise
to my son in law John Roberts five shillings sterling
to be paid out of my estate. I give & bequeath to my
youngest son Joseph Gheen the remainder of the tract
of land whereon I now live, with the house & improved

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land to be possessed by him at the decease of my s^d wife
or after her marriage, together with my shop & all my shop
tools, likewise all my stock of horses, horned cattle, sheeps,
hogs, wagon, ploughs & all my other plantation utensile
also one Negro man named Puttey [?]. I give & devise to my
four youngest daughters namely Hannah, Elizabeth, Elenor,

& Rachel ten pounds current money of N. Carolina each to be paid to them by my son Joseph, as they come of age.
I give & devise to my grandson James Gheen, son of Thomas Gheen, one square or four lots of land in Mc[Sh?]eequers of the town of Salisbury, also two acres of land in said town for which I have M^r Michael Troy's obligation to make a title, I Desire the debts due & payable to me, to be collected and all accounts both for & against me to be settled by my well beloved son in law Silas Dunn whom with my beloved wife Elizabeth I do hereby nominate & appoint the execut ors of this my lawful will & test: Revoking all former wills by me heretofore made, ratifying, allowing & confirming this & no other to be my last will and test: In witness where I the said James Gheen have hereunto set my hand & seal this 26th day of Aprill AD: 1796
Signed, sealed, published & pronounced by the said James Gheen, as his last will & test: in the presence of us who in presence & the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names
James Kincaid ___ [?]

James Kincard senr.

James Gheen [SEAL]

George Dunn [signature partially cut off in the image below]

Notes: On page 71, the name is clearly "Kincard's line," but in the witness signatures on page 72, the first witness appears to be James Kincaid [can't read], but the second appears to be James Kincard senr.

The other name I wasn't sure about is on page 72, Mc[___]quers.

Double "ss" in words was written old style, but I can't reproduce them with this font.

The two page will is below.

James Gheen's wife, Elizabeth died on 25 October 1832, about age 93, according to *Marriage & Death Notices from the Western Carolinian, 1820-1842: An Index*, by Robert B. Topkins, Raleigh, NC, 1975, p. 191.

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 tools, likewise all my stock of horses, horned cattle, sheep,
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 and all accounts both for & against me to be settled by my
 well beloved son in law Peter Dunn whom with my beloved
 wife Elizabeth I do hereby nominate & appoint the execut-
 ors of this my last will & test. Revoking all former wills
 by me heretofore made, ratifying, allowing & confirming
 this & no other to be my last will & test. In witness where-
 of the said James Sheer have herunto set my hand & seal
 this 26th Day of April AD: 1796.

Signed, sealed, published & pronounced by the said James
 Sheer, at his last will & test: in the presence of Justices
 in his presence & the presence of each other have herunto
 subscribed our names.

James Kincaid Junr
 James Kincaid senr.

James Sheer