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|-------------------------------------|---|---|----|
| 2 Wasting Iron Three Lining Iron    | 2 | " | 11 |
| 1 Kana Saw Drawing Knife & Auger    | " | " | 4  |
| 2 Lining Iron                       | " | " | 6  |
| 1 Trymg Saw Tea Bells and Laid Iron | 1 | " | 4  |
| 2 Iron Pits and Dutch Iron          | 1 | " | 10 |
| 2 Water Wheels                      | " | " | 15 |
| a parcel of Hattens tools           | 2 | " | 4  |
| 1 St. Seales and Set of Razors      | " | " | 7  |
| 1 Culling Knife                     | " | " | 4  |
| A parcel of Iron Lumber             | " | " | 10 |
| 1 Mass Paddle                       | 2 | " | "  |
| 3 Raw Hides                         | 1 | " | 4  |
| 4 Mess Halls                        | 3 | " | 12 |
| A parcel of Iron                    | 3 | " | 15 |
| 3 Geese                             | " | " | 0  |
| 6 Turkeys                           | " | " | 15 |
| 3 Washing Tubbs                     | " | " | 6  |
| A parcel of Bacon                   | 9 | " | "  |
| A parcel of Old Barrels             | " | " | 1  |
| 1 Hoop for the East Wheel           | " | " | 15 |
| 1 Brandy Barrel                     | 2 | " | 3  |

George H. Love

Miriam Pennington

H. A. Gresham

Durham County Court July 27<sup>th</sup> 1804  
 This Inventory and Appraisement of the estate of David Davis decd  
 was returned into Court by Bridget Davis his administratrix and ordered to be  
 Recorded

Teste

Herbert Hill C. J. C.

Joseph's Will

1794 I J. S. being at present in perfect I nce & health being again raised up from  
 a Weak & Sickly State during the fall & part of the winter and by some was thought to be  
 near the confines of the grave. When I look back and reflect upon it & remember that I  
 am now turned of three score & two years of age and that God hath blessed me with  
 some property and a number of children. I think it now high time & also necessary to  
 make a Will. I therefore do hereby recognize & acknowledge Janey Rebecca David  
 Hannah Penny, Shadrach Andrew Naomi Ezra & Ann to be my children & my lawful  
 heirs & assigns of my property as follows. I give unto my son David the Land & Farm  
 plantation where I now live under such restrictions as may hereafter be

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I have given to him and his heirs forever 300 acres of land in BC on the  
head Branches of Soyas Run being the land of Simon George Lawrence & Andrew to  
him and his heirs forever. I have unto my son Thosiah 326 Acres in Charlotte County  
on Little Cat Creek being the land of Marshall M'Henry, Boughton Apr. 21 1700  
and thereof being sold to Reafra Whitten there being in the Survey 9 Acres 436 to  
him and his heirs for ever. I have unto my son Andrew 521 Acres of land in BC on  
the head Branches of Couch's Run & the middle creek of Arthur's Creek to him & his heirs  
forever. I have unto my son Ezra 391 Acres of land in Campbell County on the S. Fork  
of the S. Fork of Cat Creek to him and his heirs forever. I have unto my son Abner with  
319 Acres of land Situate in Charlotte County on both sides of a Branch of Cat Creek  
named Great Bear Creek joining Turney's father's lines also 136 Acres that I purchased  
of David Elber in Brunswick County on the head of Soyas Run to him and his  
heirs forever. And as to my Slaves and other Property after all my Just debts are Justly paid  
it is my will & desire that the whole be kept together and <sup>the Slaves</sup> worked on any of the above  
mentioned Lands as may be most convenient & Advantage for the Maintenance of my  
wife and Children & the Education of my Children & the payment of the Taxes with  
Such Exceptions as is hereafter mentioned and division to be made only as the Boys arrive  
to the age of Twenty one years & the Girls <sup>Mary or</sup> arrive to the same age ~~where~~ Their part to  
be allotted to them there in either of those Cases. I do hereby empower my executor & executors  
one of them to Nominate and appoint three disinterested honest Neighbours to  
make division of the Slaves leaving out Bob Delucy to stay on the plantation & personal  
to the best of their Knowledge according to the number of my wife & my surviving  
Children an equal part for each & summing, each lot Carl the sumner into a hat  
then let him or her that desires their portion or some one <sup>for</sup> them draw a number out of  
the Hat which number according to the number of lots shall determine their share in  
such estate to all intents & purposes and the right of in & to such lot shall ~~be~~ accrue  
to him or her in as ample a manner as if herein particularly given and expressed and then  
all the said estate to come together again as one for the purpose aforesaid until another comes on  
in the same manner & so on until the Children have their portions. <sup>Provided</sup> Nevertheless  
that if either of the Children should die under age unmarried after an allotment of  
an allotment of one or more portions that the after allotments shall be made by same  
number as at first excepting only those who have had their portions and the portion  
of the dead shall remain together for the more better and decent Maintenance of  
my wife and the other Children & the Children's Education during the natural life of my  
said wife & after at her death each of the Children or the survivors of them or their  
heirs & assigns having their portion then the income of my Slaves & personal  
estate shall be divided among the Children & their heirs & assigns in such manner as they shall think fit

before such person leaving amongst his heirs that said his or heirs shall have right  
to their Father or mother part & to them and their heirs for ever. I send unto my said  
wife Holley during her natural life the House wherein I live and half the land  
<sup>among</sup> ~~dividing~~ it into two Plantations by a line to be run from the Creek about the Roaring  
Rocks across to J. P. Withers line leaving the Main house in the one & the Overseers house  
in the other intending that my said son David as soon as he is of age may take possession  
of the Overseers house & half the land on the N. side of the said line & that part of the  
Plantation. I give unto my said wife Holley the riding Chair & Chair horse & I give  
unto the three girls ~~James~~ Rebecca & Susanna the sixe Sackels that are called theirs  
and a Bridle to each and to David my Surveyors instruments Very true to them and  
their heirs forever and I do hereby Munnate and appoint my son in law John Hardaway  
Executor of this my will and also my son David Slith when he comes to the age of  
Twenty one years and I desire that there may be no appraisement of my estate nor do I  
require that my said Executors shall give any security But willingly trust to their  
honour and Integrity in the Management & accounting for of my estate and being fully  
satisfied that every man will as far as it relates to the Distribution of his estate after  
his debts are paid is a law. I therefore desire that my executors be not to be troubled about  
the above mentioned divisions that there be no applications to Court Clerks or Lawyers  
but that the person appointed to make the allotment shall deliver to the persons  
allotted to their Lot in writing and the property allotted them in a publick manner  
before Mirepois which I have no doubt will establish the rights according to my will  
and according to Law. I expect to sit of to Monro to Charlotte Court & from thence up to my  
Brother Richards & as I have since been taken sick on my trip up thither I was intended  
to look over these pieces of paper where in the year 1794 I have been making my will  
and find it with the Blot & interlineations so much to my mind that I hereby acknowledge  
as my last will & Testament this 2<sup>d</sup> day of June 1796

Thos. Slith Sen: Seal

Brunswick County Court July 27<sup>th</sup> 1801

This will was presented in Court by David Slith one of the executors therein named  
and no Objections thereto Subscribed John Slithkins Henry Mann Sen: & John Clayton  
being sworn deposed & Swore that they were well acquainted with the hand Writing of the  
said Thomas Slith Sen: and do truly believe that the said will & name therein Subscribed  
to be wholly true by the testator and the Court being satisfied the same is ordered to  
be recorded. and on the motion of the said David Slith one of the executors therein  
named he having made oath thereto according to law Certificate is granted him for  
obtaining a probate thereof & from being removed the other two then named to give  
in the same probate when he may think fit. Teste Robert H. H. Clerk



Tasley Curtis  
only

In the name of God Amen Henry 27<sup>th</sup> 1801  
 I Tasley Curtis being of lawful age say that at present in my last  
 will and Testament in the first place I have my land to give it & my  
 way to be house in a blacksmith like manner And as touching what worldly estate it  
 hath been please you to help me with Joseph and Anne in the following manner  
 in the first place I desire that all my Just Debt should be paid by my Executor  
 hereafter mentioned. and to my beloved Sister Cecily I give & bequeath the  
 whole that William Housen may be indebted to me of money or Part & 1000 Lings  
 of Part that Benjamin Flowers is indebted to me and to my beloved Sister Jane  
 I give and bequeath my hope that it at her house also whatever may be  
 in Hubbard Saunders hands with every thing else that belongs to me. I do  
 appoint Hubbard Saunders my only executor to act and transact my business to this my  
 last will & Testament. Signed sealed and delivered the day & date above written  
 in Presence of

Henry Merritt  
 Woody Loya

Tasley Curtis Seal

Hubbard Saunders Brunswick County Court July 27<sup>th</sup> 1801  
 This last will and Testament of Tasley Curtis dec'd was  
 proved by the Oaths of Henry Merritt Woody Loya Witnesses thereto and  
 ordered to be recorded. and in the witness of Hubbard Saunders the executor therein  
 named he having made Oath thereto according to Law & together with Benjamin  
 Smith his security entered into and Acknowledged abroad in the Penalty of  
 with Condition as the Law directs  
 Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form.

Teste

Hubert Hill Clerk

Harwood Blay The Estate of Harwood Blay dec'd is Christopher Thorton & Robert  
 of Court. Witnesses of Teste. of William Hammon and Joseph Mason  
 who was executor of the said Harwood Blay dec'd.  
 To cash paid Benjamin Lashley  
 To cash paid Richard Gregory  
 To cash paid the Sheriff for Fee  
 To cash paid the Clerk of Brunswick Court  
 To cash paid John King  
 To cash paid for

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