

Witness

Joshua Mason
Elizabeth ^{the} Mason
mark(Note: The following appears in the minute book of November
Term 1799) (See page 301)The last will and testament of Robert Nelson
presented & proved by the oath of Joshua Mason

In the name of god amen February 11th 1799 I say Nelson of
the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina Being very sick and
weak in body and of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to almighty
god for the same therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do hereby make and
ordain this to be my last will and testament that is to say first and
principally of all I recommend my soul into the hands of almighty god
that gave it and nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection
I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of god and my
body to be buried in a Christian like and decent burial at the
discretion of my Executors and as touching all such worldly
Estates wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me in this life
I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and
manner I give and bequeath to my son William Lewis my negro
Robert his life time and then to his wife and likewise give to
my son William Lewis all my moveables I give to my daughter
Mary half my wearing dress and the other half to be divided
between William Lewis daughter Mary and Thomas Lewis
daughter Sarah I do nominate and appoint my son
William Lewis to be my whole and sole Executor of this
my last will and testament.

Test

Joshua Mason
David MasonBartered County
At last Term 1799

The within will was proved in open
Court by the oath of Joshua Mason, and letters issued
accordingly

Saml. Laffers Clk

Robert Nelson

In the name of god amen I William Nelson being in perfect mind
and memory but in a low state of health and knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die do hereby make and ordain this my last will
and testament that is first of all I recommend my soul to god that
gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner at
the discretion of my friends and as for such worldly goods as it
has pleased god to bless me with as follows first I desire all
my just debts to be paid and the rest as follows.

I give to my well beloved wife Elizabeth my house and plantation
where I bought her and one hundred acres of land adjoining during
her natural life and after her decease to my son James Nelson all
the rest of my funds I request to be divided equally between
my son David Nelson and Joseph Nelson it is my daughter Mary's

I give to my daughter Sarah one hundred and fifty acres of my land
wife all the rest of my movable property during of her natural
life after her decease to my daughter Sarah's girl children namely
Mentmore Jacoba Mary Abigail Mary Ann I leave my
son David Nelson and James Nelson my Executors to
this my last will and testament.

July this 12thJohn Lewis
Elizabeth ^{the} Mason
mark1823
William ^{the} Nelson
markBartered County
December Term 1823

I certify that the above written paper was shown
exhibited into open Court and duly proved by the oaths
of John Lewis and Elizabeth Mason the subscribing witnesses
there to contain the true last will and testament
of William Nelson dec'd

L. Rumley Clk