In the name of God amen

I James Blackshear of Jones County in North Carolina Planter being in good health of body and mind and Memory Praised be God do this ten th Day of February In the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Eight make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Son Edward Blackshear the nine following Negroes (to wit) Jack Davy Bob Tuppitt Peasey Jude and Amey Easton and Nancy also one mare Called Lucy one Horse Called Trump one Half of a Waggon and Tackling one plowshear and Coulter two Hoes one Grubbing hoe two weeding hoes one bed and furniture one Iron pot one Hand mill and such part of my Cattle as I shall hereafter appoint to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son David Blackshear the Eight following Negroes (to wit) Jney Easter pompey Bird Squire Tiller Rachel and Little Rose also the following horses Bromwell Dick and Dido also one Feather Bed and furniture one half the Waggon and Tackling one Plow and Plough two Hoes one Grubbing hoe and two weeding hoes also such part of my Cattle as I shall hereafter appoint to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Betsey Bryan The following Negroes Namely Cate Venus Derbe Peter and the first Child Chloe brings after this date and provided the above mentioned Venus has no living Child at the year Ninety one or before that time then in case of such failure my will is that my Daughter Betsy shall have the first Negro Child born from either of the Mothers after that date but if the above said Venus have one living Child at the above said date then my Daughter Betsy is not to have this last mentioned unborn Child also I give to my Daughter Betsy one Young Horse Kathpoor to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Suranna Bryan the following Negroes Viz Court of Rachel Baalam Phebe Rachels Son Emperor and the first child Phebe brings after this date also one young horse Called Gilderoy three Cows to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Elijah Blackshear one half acre Lot in Trenton Lying upon the road from the Court House towards the Mill also fifty acres of Land one little Chinquapin also one Negro man named Foster, and further my Will and Desire is that the remainder and residue of my Negroes not herein before given away be divided into three Lots as equal as may be one of the said Lots I give and bequeath to my Son Elijah also my Gun one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Penelope Blackshear one of the above mentioned Lots of Negroes also six Cows my Chest and looking Glass one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Joseph Blackshear the plantation whereon I now live and the Land thereunto belonging which I hold by two Deeds one from John Branch the other from Samuel Lavender also one hundred and fifteen Acres or little Cypress also one half Acre Lot in Trenton Lying between the Jail and the Mill pond also one of the above mentioned Lots of Negroes also one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever And further my Will and Desire is that my three sons Edward and David Drive as many of my Cattle Young Cattle as we have to share that is Edward to Georgia and take my Cattle that is there and put them all together and keep them and make use of them or old Cows till my Son Elijah arrive to the age of twenty one years and then make a Division of the whole Stock Including them of their own as each of them the said Edward and David to take of one third of the said Cattle and the other third divide between their two Brothers Elijah and Joseph Equally and further I give to my two Sons Edward and David Twenty two yearling Hogs and Twenty yearling Pigs and six Cows and a Boar also the

the Horse money that William Bunk owes me to pay the Expence of Driving

Item My Will and Desire is that my Daughter Penelope Shaked have one Horse or mare out of my Stock not given away and that to be the second best belonging to my Estate when my Son Elijah arrives to the age of Twenty one years also my Will and Desire is that my Daughter Penelope may have one third of my Cows and one third of my Household goods not heretofore given away also my will and Desire is that Fourty pounds be raised out of Debts Due me to buy my Daughter Penelope a Table also I give her my Tea Spoons at Mr Tyndels also that my Executor buy her half a Dozen Cups and Saucers

Further Will that my Daughter Betsey have a Looking Glass bought at Forty five Shilling price also that my Daughter Suranna have a Looking Glass bought at Forty five Shilling price and a Table at four pounds price to be paid for out of my Estate. And further all my Horse Cattle Sheep Hogs household Furniture and all other property not given away I give to my two Sons Including Notes Certificates and all other Debts Dues to say to be Equally divided between my two Sons Elijah and Joseph after a sufficiency for the use of my family is Drawn out

My Will and desire is that my Son Elijah shall have the use of my plantation for the support of himself his Sister and Brother and family till my Son Joseph arrive to the age of Twenty one years and I make and ordain my three beloved Sons Edward Blackshear David Blackshear and Elijah Blackshear my Executors of this my last Will and Testament to see the same performed according to my true intent in witness whereof I the said James Blackshear have hereunto set my hand and fixed my Seal the Day and year above written

James Blackshear (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the said James Blackshear as and for his Last Will and Testament in presence of us whose names are Lavender written who did each of us subscribe our names as Witnesses at his request and in his presence in the Room where he then was the second Day of April 1788

John Lavender
Rice Dublin
William Lavender

State of North Carolina Jones County Court December term 1788

Then was the foregoing Last Will and Testament of James Blackshear decd duly proved in open Court by the Oath of John Lavender and Rice Dublin two of the Subscribing Witnesses in due form of Law and ordered to be Recorded. At the same time Edward Blackshear and David Blackshear two of the Executors therein named Qualified as such agreeable to Law Ordered that Letters Testamentary Issue Accordingly

Test Lewis Bryan

North Carolina } September 20. 1790
Jones County }

I Moses Prescott being weak in body but in my perfect senses do first of all recommend my soul to God in the next place I do give and bequeath unto my well beloved Brother Aaron Prescott all my Lands on the north side of Whiteoak river near the greate branch again I consider that after my decease my just debts will come against me therefore be paid without Reserve out the Land rest I say dye happy and raise with Christ in Glory I acknowledge this to be my Last Will and Testament

his
Moses + Prescott
mark

John Bender } witnesses
Ely his + mark Arnett
his
Toby + mark Bender
Mary her mark Prescott