

the various courses of said creek to the beginning, also my household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils, three barrels corn and one cow and yearling and one cow and calf and all my cyder casks to be head and enjoyed by her. during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage as the case may be I give the before mentioned tract of land to my son Jesse Thomas to him and his heirs forever, All my personal property devised to my wife during her life or widowhood I leave at her death or marriage to be equally divided between my four daughters to wit: Mary Thomas, Elizabeth Thomas, Chloe Thomas, and Mourning Thomas, one bed, and furniture excepted to be devised hereafter.

3. I give and bequeath to my son Jesse Thomas all the remainder of my lands not ^{devised} ~~devised~~ to Jacob and Joseph Thomas nor devised to my wife Mary Thomas also one cow and calf and at the decease or marriage of my wife one axe and grubbing hoe and the bed and furniture before mentioned to him and his heirs forever.

4. I constitute and appoint my friends Archibald Griffin and John Lewis executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date first written.

signed, sealed and delivered.

in presence of

his
Johnx Melton
mark. his
James xUzell
mark.

his
Jesse Thomas (Seal)
mark.

Nash County.

February court, 180⁴

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of John Melton a subscribing witness thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

And is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

In The Name of God, Amen I Billey Williams of Nash County, and State of North Carolina, do ordain and make this my last will and testament this the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four being of sound mind and memory calling to mind there is appointed time for all men once to dy first and foremost place I give my soul to God that gave it and my body to be buried in a christian manner by my executor hereafter mentioned and after my funeral charges and all my just debts paid calling to mind that God hath pleased to bless me with give and disposeth in the following manner and form as folloeth to wit:

Item: I lend unto my beloved wife Charity Williams the land and plantation

be recorded.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

In the name of God, Amen I Henry Watkins of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being very low and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally, and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent christian burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First: I lend unto my dear and loving wife Mary Watkins all my worldly estate for term of her natural life or widowhood.

Item: I give and bequeath from the time of my death to my son Thomas Watkins the lands and plantation whereon I now live being and lying in Nash County on the North Side Korbys Creek the same being fifty acres to him his heirs and assigns forever, and after the death of my wife.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Amy Devenport five shillings specie.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Stephen Watkins five shillings specie.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Anna Ammons five shillings specie.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanna Robbins five shillings specie.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Clifton five shillings specie.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Weaver five shillings specie.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Henry Watkins five shillings specie.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son James Watkins five shillings specie.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Watkins five shillings specie.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Jinney Watkins five shillings specie.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Cobb five shillings specie.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Rhoda Sanders five shillings specie.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Revell five shillings specie.