

and two negroes Jimmey and Lewis to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give to my said son John Drake two negroes named Phillis and Frank to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Silas Drake one negro woman named Easter to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Albright Drake a negro boy named Philip to him his heirs and assigns forever. I lend to my wife Hartwell one negro named Buck for and during her life also I lend to my son Benjamin Drake two negroes Rose and Ray for and during the life of his mother.

Item: I give to Michael and Elizabeth Collins forty shillings each to them their heirs and assigns forever. also all the rest and residue of my estate I give to my three children to wit, Lyda Hadley, Sarah Bridgers and Milbrey wheelless to them their heirs and assigns forever.

I do hereby constitute and appoint Mathew Drake, Albright and John Hodges Drake executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of
Signed, sealed, and acknowledged
in presence of

(Seal)

In the Name of God Amen. I James Drake, of Nash County, North Carolina a resident but being now on the city of Richmond in the State of Virginia and of sound and disposing mind and memory but all in health do make ordain publish and declare this my last will and testament hereby revoking all and every former will whatsoever. Imprimis: It is my will and desire, that the devises of my lands in the said State of North Carolina and the bequests of my personal goods in the said state, shall take place, be regulated, distributed and apportioned among my children according to the distribution and apportionments made and contained in a writing headed and begun in the form of a will and written as far as the same is done and written, in the hand writing of William Skipwith Mearns of the aforesaid State of North Carolina and intended by me at the period the said writing was written (as it at this present time is intended ment and willed) to be a revocation and revoking all and every former will and whatsoever. and in order to prevent disputes my meaning is and I declare my will to be that all my former wills and all distributions and disposals of my property by will in any other manner or proportions and to any other person or persons otherwise than as in the said piece of writing written by and in the hand writing of the aforesaid William Skipwith Mearns is directed shall be revoked and held and esteemed void and of none effect. and I do hereby ratify and confirm all the devises and bequests in the said piece of writing written as aforesaid by the aforesaid William Skipwith Mearns, contained according to the true intent and meaning of the said devised and bequests and according to the proportions and allotments therein made

and laid down. Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Hartwell Drake for and during the term of my said wife's natural life, my yellowish negro wench Nancy and her issue begotten and to be gotten and after the death of my said wife I give and bequeath the said wench Nancy and her issue to my beloved son John Drake and his assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Silas Drake my set of Tinkers tools to him and his assigns forever. Item: I leave my said beloved son John Drake and the aforesaid William Skipwith Mearns, executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Richmond Virginia this ninth day of July A.D. 1901. *(the will in Richmond is 1791)*

Signed, sealed, acknowledged
and delivered in presence of us;
J. Vaughan, Jacob Valentine
John V. Kantzman, John Stewart
State of Virginia

James Drake (Seal)

I Adam Craig clerk of the County of Henrico county do hereby certify that it a court held for the said county by the Justice of the Peace thereof at the city of Richmond in the State of Virginia aforesaid on Monday the first day of August one thousand seven hundred and ninety one the last will and testament of James Drake deceased, the foregoing whereof is a true copy was presented in court, and being then and there proved by the oaths of James Vaughan, Jacob Valentine and John Kantzman. Witness thereto was admitted to record. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office at Richmond aforesaid this twelfth day of August one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

Adam Craig, C. C. C.

Virginia, to wit I do hereby certify that Adam Craig gent who signs the foregoing certificate is clerk of the court of Henrico county, and that full faith and credit ought to be given to all things by him certified as such. Given under my hand as Governor and under the seal of the commonwealth at Richmond this 31st day of August, 1791.

Beverly Randolph.

Nash County the foregoing will was exhibited in open court and ordered to be recorded.

Attest. "m Hall, C. C.

and is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest. "m Hall, C. C.

In the name of God Amen I Cooper Jones of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Mathew Jones one grey mare, one bed and furniture now in his possession also one cow and calf to him and his heirs.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Penny Jones my largest sorrel horse one side saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture, one cow and calf to her and her heirs.

Item: I give to my son Edmund Jones one hundred and fifty acres of land I purchased of Pannel Floyd one grey horse, saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture and one cow and yearling to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I lend to my wife Violet Jones the land and plantation whereon I now dwell containing by estimation two hundred and seventeen acres for and during her life or widowhood and at her death or marriage I give the same to my three sons Francis, Archibald and Bennett to be divided equally among them, to them, their heirs and assigns forever. But in case that any of them should die the survivors or survivors of them to have the land.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Francis Jones one bed and furniture and one cow and calf to him and his heirs

Item: I lend to my wife Violet Jones all the rest and residue of my estate of every kind whatsoever for and during her life or widowhood and at her death or marriage I give the same to my two daughters Temperance and Elizabeth Jones to them and their heirs forever.

Item: My will and desire is that my mother Julian Jones should live with my wife and be maintained as the rest of the family are, so long as she shall live if agreeable to her.

I do constitute my wife Violet my friends Mathew Drake and Thomas Griffin, executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 27th day of August, 1799.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in presence of us.
Sion Beckwith
Thomas White
Isaac Tomlinson

Cooper Jones (Seal)

Nash County
The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Sion Beckwith and Thomas White two subscribing witnesses 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 Dempsey Dawson of Nash County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body yet of perfect sound mind and memory thanks be to almighty God for the same and on consideration that life and sense is uncertain and that is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

First: and principally I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as to what worldly estate it hath pleased almighty God to bless me with I give devise, bequeath and dispose of the same in the following manner to wit)

First: I will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Item: I lend unto my beloved wife Mary Dawson the plantation and land whereon I now live with four hundred and fifty six acres belonging thereto also a certain parcel of land of seventy four acres which I purchased of Thomas Viverett lying and being in the county aforesaid on Hominy swamp joining Joseph Barnes line and John Flowers line and others during her natural life and after her decease I give the said plantation and lands to my cousin Dempsey Dawson son of John Dawson, to him and his heirs and assigns forever, also I the said Dempsey Dawson my riding saddle.

Item: I lend unto my beloved wife Mary Dawson three negroes namely Sarah Lewis and Dick during her natural life and after her decease my will and desire is that Lewis be sold to the best advantage and the money to be divided between Solomon Dawsons two children viz: David Dawson and Milley Dawson likewise Sarah and Dick to be sold to the best advantage and the money to be equally divided amongst John Dawsons children and Martha Vassers children to them and their heirs forever. the same in full of my estate and a bar from their obtaining any more.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving brother Solomon Dawson twenty shillings the same in full of my estate and a bar from his obtaining any more.

Item: I give and bequeath unto loving sister Martha Vasser the sum of twenty shillings in full of my estate and a bar from her obtaining any more.

Item: I give and bequeath unto Ailey Smith one bed and furniture six pewter plates one cow and calf and one small chest to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Mary Dawson my negro man called Jack and my negro man called Luke, also I give my said wife Mary Dawson all my stock of horses cattle and hogs, all my household furniture and plantation utensils and tools of all kinds also the money due to me after she has paid my debts legacies and funeral expenses to her and her heirs and assigns forever. also I give her my riding chair and harness to her and her heirs.

Lastly. I nominate constitute and appoint my said wife Mary Dawson executrix and my friend Jonas Williams Roland Williams and Drury Williams executors of this my last will and testament allowing this and only this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this third day of June in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in presence of
Joseph Barnes
John Flowers
Sarah Barnes

Dempsey Dawson (Seal)