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In the Name of God Amen. I Jonas Drake of Nash County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of sound of mind and memory thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body, knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows viz: First I recommend my soul to God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried by my friends that survive me.

Item: I lend all my estate to my beloved wife Charity during her natural life after my just debts are paid, and after her decease I give the same to my daughter Martha to her and her heirs forever, hereby revoking all former wills by one made, I nominate and appoint my wife Charity Executor to this my last will and testament. This 18th day of December 1815.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in presence of
Alason Powell

Jonas x Drake (Seal)
mark.

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Nash County

February session 1816

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court 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.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Christian Williams of North Carolina and County of Nash being in a low state of health but of a strong mind do intend to expose of my goods and chatties as follows:

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Williams one small negro girl called and known by the name of Abba which I now have in my possession to her and her heirs and assigns forever, and there all the rest of my estate both personal and real to be equally divided amongst my ten children Kinchen, Buzael, Zilphay, Mary, Elias, Elizabeth, Mathew, Lucy, James, Sally, to them their heirs and assigns forever. This my last will and testament whereunto I have set my hand and this fifteenth day of April, 1815. In witness hereof

Test.
William Whelless
Lemuel Walker
E. Edwards
Nash County

Christian x Williams (Seal)
mark.

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February session 1816

The foregoing will was exhibited in open court for probate and proven by the oath of Edwin Edwards 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.

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In the Name of God Amen. I David Pridgen of Nash County and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory blessed be God for it, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament, this 26th day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen in manner and form following.

Item: I lend unto my loving wife Pinkey L. Pridgen the land and plantation whereon I now live, containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less, as bounded by the directions of the deed, it being the piece of land that my father bought of Benjamin Flowers, also one other tract of land adjoining the aforesaid piece containing one hundred and forty acres, more or less, as bounded by the direction of the deeds (it being the piece of land that I bought of Joseph Harwood and his wife Sarah) also one other tract of land containing twenty five acres more or less, as bounded by the direction of the deeds, it being the piece of land that I bought of Solomon Wells, also I lend to my loving wife Pinkey L. Pridgen one negro man named Peter, one negro woman named Win, one negro man named Jacob formerly called Young Jacob, one negro girl named Jude also one horse by the name of Legs, one bridle and woman's saddle, also four bows and knives, her choice, also fifty barrels of corn, also thirty heads of pigs, from one year to two year olds her choice, also one feather bed and stand and furniture, book case and drawers, one table painted blue, one blue painted chest, and of my working tools, two plow hoes, two weeding hoes, two axes, two basons, one dish, four plates, four spoons, six case knives and forks which property I lend to her as long as she remains my widow, and after her widow hood or decease it is my will and desire that the aforesaid mentioned property that I have lent to my wife, be equally divided between my two sons Hardy Pridgen, Abijah Pridgen and my daughter Cloah Atkinson, which I give to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving wife Pinkey L. Pridgen two hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Hardy Pridgen one tract of land, lying on both sides of Sappony swamp containing three hundred and thirty acres more or less, as bounded by the directions of the deed, it being the piece of land that I bought of John Atkinsons which land I give to him and his heirs forever, also I give to him two hundred and fifty dollars in money also the negro woman named Vilet and her children, that he now has in his possession also one negro man named Jeffrey also one negro boy named Jesse, also one black walnut case, also one feather bed and stand and furniture; to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give to my three grandsons William Watson Tisdale, Philander Tisdale and Alexander Henry Tisdale, the sons of William Tisdale and Piety his wife, one negro boy named Bynum, one negro girl named Lett (the daughter of old Lett) to them and their heirs forever. Item: I lend to my daughter Piety Tisdale one feather bed and stand and furniture, to her her life time and after her decease I give the said bed

and stead and furniture to my granddaughter Mourning Tisdale to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Abijah Pridgen one certain tract of land lying on the north side of Tar River containing one hundred and seventy five acres more or less as bounded by the direction of the deed, it being the piece of land I bought of Hardy Pridgen, to him and his heirs forever, also one negro man named Cain one negroman named Ellick, one negro girl named Book, one still and worm, one desk, ~~one~~ black walnut case and feather bed and stead and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Cloah Atkinson one tract of land lying on the north side of Tar River containing one hundred and fifty eight and a half acres more or less as bounded by the direction of the deed, it being the piece of land that I bought of James Prim and his wife Mary to her and her heirs forever also, I give to her one other piece of land lying on the north side of Tar River containing one hundred and forty one acres and a half of land as bounded by the direction of the deed, it being a piece of land that I bought of James Prim and his wife Mary to her and her heirs forever, also one negro woman named Lucy another increase one negro man named Charles, one negro man named Isaac, one negro woman named Jane, one feather bed and stead and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Atehea Harper, one negro woman named Gatoe and her increase, one negro boy named Nepton, one negro woman named old Dinah one negro boy named Pomp one feather bed and stead and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Primmy Lamkin one negro woman named old Lett, also one negro woman named Charlot, also one feather bed and stead and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Peggy Cooper one negro woman named Silve and her increase, also one negro woman named ~~Jane~~ also one negro boy named Abraham, also one negro girl named Beck, also one feather bed and stead and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Harriot Pridgen one tract of land containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less, adjoining Drewry Pridgens line, it being the piece of land that I bought of Rhoda Allen also one other tract containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less, as bounded by the direction of the deed, it being a piece of land that I bought of Elizabeth Allen, also one other tract of land containing three hundred and twenty acres more or less as bounded by the direction of the deed, it being the piece of land that I bought of Joseph Selah Jun. also one negro boy by the name of ~~Book~~ also six hundred dollars in cash, to her and her heirs forever; it is my will and desire that if my said daughter

Polly Harriot Pridgen lives to arrive to the age of eight years for her to receive her said legacy that I have left to her and take possession of it and if she should die without a lawful heir begotten of her body, then the said property to revert back and be equally divided between my two sons Hardy Pridgen, Abijah Pridgen and my daughter Cloah Atkinson.

Item: I give to my loving wife Pinkey S. Pridgen and my son Hardy Pridgen Abijah Pridgen, and my daughter Cloah Atkinson all the money that I have not given away and accounts and notes to be equally divided between them, also all the residue of my estate that I have not heretofore given away nor lent to be equally divided between them which I give them and their heirs forever.

Item: I hereby appoint my son Abijah Pridgen and Benjamin Atkinson my executors to this my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore made by me. With us my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of us
John Vick
Jacob Barnes
Nanny B Bottoms.
Nash County

David Pridgen (Seal)

August session 1813

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the subscribing witness John Vick and Jacob Barnes and Nancy B Bottoms and 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. The 21st day of October 1809 I Noah Strickland of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of a perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for his mercy and 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 as follows, Principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and in the next place I recommend my body to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God that gave it and as to my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of the same in manner and form following. In the first place I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Atkinson the land and plantation whereon she now lives containing two hundred and eighteen acres with all the privileges and profits belonging to the same and also one negro woman named Cherrey and one negro girl named another and one chestnut sorrell mare named France also one feather bed and furniture and I also give to the said Mary one hundred acres of land joining Rolan Williams, and Hardy Stricklands line and also one hundred silver