

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)

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Nash County The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Joseph Barnes of John Flowers his subscribing witnesses there to 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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I William Arrington of Nash County and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and knowing that my daughter Mary being born not in wedlock and that my dying without a will she would not heir with my other children, It is my will and desire that she my daughter Mary should heir with the rest of my children, as she had been born in wedlock in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of September, 1812.

William Arrington (Seal)

witness before us
Wood Tucker
Phil Bennett
John H. Harrison

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Nash County

February court 1813

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of the subscribing witnesses 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 William Richardson sen. of Nash County and State of North Carolina being low of constitution but sound of mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life and that it is appointed for all men to die do therefore make and appoint this as my last will and testament In the first place I recommend my body to the dust whence it come and my soul to god that gave the same and my worldly goods as follows to wit In the first place I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Tempy Richardson son all my land and plantation whereon I now live with all improvements ^{there} together with all my cider casks hogs heads and barrels of all kinds and sort whatsoever to her and her heirs forever.

Secondly : I give and bequeath to my loving son Numan Richardson four dollars to be paid out of my estate to him and his heirs forever.

thirdly: I give and bequeath to my loving son George Richardson four dollars to be paid out of my estate to him and his heirs forever.

fourthly: My will is that all the rest of my estate of every kind or sort what soever be divided after all my lawfull debts are paid be equally divided by sale between John Richardson, my son, Tempy Richardson my daughter and Alsey Richardson My son to them and their heirs forever.

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and fifthly and lastly I hereby adopt and appoint John Richardson my son and Augustin Bass my sole and soul executors of this my last will and testament disannulling all wills by me heretofore made and declare this and no other my last will and testament in witness whereof I have assigned this with my own and delivered in presence of and dated this 19th of

August, 1812.

Witnesses;
Gdn Bass
Jesse Bass
James Walker.
Nash County

William Richardson

February Term 1813

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Jesse Bass who swore he saw Gideon Bass sign the same as a witness which is 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 James Battle of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Battle one negro named Milley and her increase, one boy named Sam, one bed and furniture and one hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Battle one negro named Nat, one girl called young Lucy with her increase, one bed and furniture and one hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I lend to my wife Abian Battle all my lands and plantation but if she should marry or when either of my youngest sons shall arrive to the age of twenty one my said wife is to have one third part of all my lands with the plantation whereon I now live for and during her natural life and all my lands and plantations at the death of her, I give and bequeath to my three sons to wit Thomas, James, and John to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my wife Abian Battle one negroe named Milbrey with her increase one boy and named Luke, one bed and furniture and one horse called Bradey to her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Tempe Battle, one negro named Betty with her increase one boy named Lewis one bed and furniture, to her and her assigns forever.

Item: All the rest and residue of my estate of all kinds whatsoever to remain on the plantation for the use of my wife and children for and during her life or widowhood and at her death or marriage I give and bequeath the same to my four youngest children that is to say Thomas, Tempe, James and John to be equally divided among them their heirs and assigns forever.

I do constitute and appoint my wife Abian Battle Admr. and Nathan Whitehead Executor to this my last will and testament.