

Nash County

May court 1789

The foregoing will was exhibited in open court and duly proven by the oath of Alanson Powell 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 Elizabeth Culpepper of Nash County and State of North Carolina, being in good health of body and of sound and perfect mind and memory praise be therefore given to almighty God for it, I do hereby make and ordain this my present last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say first and principally I recommend my soul into the hands of the almighty God hoping through the merits death and passion of my blessed saviour Jesus Christ, have fully and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as touching the disposition of all such temporal estate as it hath pleased almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth:-

First: I will that my debts and funeral charges should be paid and discharged:

Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandchild John Culpepper one bay horse colt, and also one negroe girl named Pegg she and her increase to his heirs and assigns forever. also one cow and calf to P. J. Culpepper, his heirs viz:

Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandchild Henry Whitehead one cow and calf to him his heirs and assigns forever. I give unto my grand child Nathan Whitehead one cow and calf to him his heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath unto my grand child Mary Daniel one cow and calf to her, her heirs and assigns, forever. I give and bequeath unto my grand child Abiah Whitehead one chest to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my grandchild Martha Manning, one side saddle to her and her heirs forever. I also give and bequeath unto Natus Culpepper one bed and furniture to him and his heirs and assigns forever. My will and desire is that all the rest of my estate ungiven shall be sold and equally divided between my three daughters Rachael Whitehead, Elizabeth Whitehead and Martha Manning, and all of them to share equally and sharing alike. I also appoint my beloved friends Rachael Whitehead executrix and Sion Daniel Executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow and revoke ^{all} disannul and every other former testaments and wills by me in any way before named and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of February

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in year of our lord one thousand Seven hundred and eighty eight.

Signed in the presence of us
his

JehnxSmedley
mark.

her
Martha x Smedley
mark

Cherry x Powell
Nash County

her
Elizabeth xCulpepper (Seal)
mark.

May court, 1789.

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

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IN The Name of God, Amen. The 6th day of January in the year of our Lord 1789. I Thomas Lewis 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 the same, 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, that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recomend my soul into the hands of god that gave it and for my body I recommend it 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 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 manner and form following, that is to say. in the first place I will that all my lawful debts be paid and funeral expences at the discretion of my executors hereafter named.

in the first place I give and bequeath to my well beloved son George Lewis the sum of forty pounds current money of the State to be raised, and levied out of my estate at the discretion of my executor within the term of five years after my death.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Bryant one negre woman named Lucy that she has already in possession.

Item: That I leave all the rest of my estate in the care of my well beloved wife Lyda Lewis for the term of five years for the use of raising the children and after the term of five years are expired, my will is that my executor hereafter named devide the estate equally between my well beloved wife Lyda Lewis and my son Abner Lewis Nicholson Lewis, Martha Lewis, John Lewis, Thomas Lewis, and Nancey Lewis.

Item: That I appoint Edward Nicholson to be my whole and sole executor to this my last will and testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disanull all and every other former testament wills and decrees