

In The Name of God, Amen. the 17th day of October, 1 789. I Dempsy Vaughan of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body of a perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God for his mercy and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye 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 as to my body I recomend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me with I give devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following.

Item: I desire that there shall be two head of horses sold and one cow.

Item: Also I lend the use of all the rest and remainder of my estate together with my land and all my household stuff and movables my horse, hogs, and cattle to my dearly beloved wife Easter Vaughan during her natural life or widowhood,

Item: After the death of my wife I give to my son Christopher Vaughan all my land, cattle horses and hogs and all my house hold stuff and moveables that I lent the use of to my dearly beloved wife during ~~his~~ natural life.

Item: That I appoint and ordain Burrel Rose to be my hole and soul 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 legacies before this time named ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness where of I have hereunto set my hand ^{and} ~~as~~ the day and year above written signed, sealed and delivered in the present of

Christopher ^{his} x Vaughan
his mark
Efram x Vaughan
mark

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his
Dempsy Vaughan (Seal)
mark.

Nash County

August Court 1790

The foregoing will was in open court duly proven by the oath of Christopher Vaughan and Ephraim Vaughan two subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registred in obedience to the above order.

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Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

In The Name of God, Amen, I Elizabeth Lelah Morgain of the County of Nash and province of North Carolina being very sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

Imprimis: I give and bequeath to my eldest son James Morgain one mare

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and her increase except her ~~first~~ colt I gave to my son William Morgain
also I gave unto my son James Morgain fore coves and two ^{yearlings} ~~younguns~~ with
their increase forever.

Item: I give and bequeath three coves and ~~two~~ ^{three yearlings} ~~younguns~~ to my son
William Morgain and their incese forever, and the above mentioned cattle
and mare I leave in the care of my brother William Morgan to keep and to
take care of the same and to ^{sell} ~~send~~ out of the cattle such as can be well
spared out of the said stocks and putout the money upon in trust till the
child becomes of age whereas ratifying and confirming this and no other
to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set
my land and seal this forth day of May in the year of our lord one thousand
Seven hundred and ninety. I do constitute and appoint my brother William
Morgain and Elias. Owens executors this my last will. Signed, sealed, published
pernounced and declared by the said Elisabeth Lelah Morgain as her last
will and testament in the presents of us who ~~an his~~ presents and in the
presents of each other have hereto subscribed names. ^{her}
James ^{his} x Taler Elizabeth Lelah x Morgain
mark. his mark.
Robert x Wick
mark.

Nash County

November Court, 1790

The foregoing will was in open court duly proven by the oath of Robert
Wick 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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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA } IN THE NAME OF GOD , AMEN.
NASH COUNTY

I, John Dew of the county and state a foresaid being very poorly
in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for it and calling
to mind that man was born once to die do make and ordain this my last
will and testament first of all I recommend my sole into the hands of
God that gave it and my body I commit to be decently buried at the dis-
cretion of my executors hear after named.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Cate Robbins one tract of
land lying on the waters of Turkey Creek containing three hundred acres
also two negroes one by the name of Hanner and the other by the name of
Degan which negroes she hath in possession also four thousand four
hundred Dollars in ^{offices (?)} ~~land office~~ certificates that is in the care of
John Bonds also one feather bed and furniture and bedsteads one that
she hath already in possession also the stocks of cattle that is in
the hands of Robert Lancaster and Harte Lancaster and Benjamin Bunn
to her and her heirs forever after my death also three hundred pounds
perk also twenty pounds specie that she hath in her possession , also
forty gallons of brandy that she hath in possession. ~~I also give to~~