

In The Name of God Amen: this third day of February One Thousand and Seven Hundred & Seventy Three. I George Nicholson of the County of Edgecombe being in good health thanks be to Almighty God and in perfect mind and memory therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all persons once to die, Do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally I recomment my soul in the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I do recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent christian burial at the descretion of my executor nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the almighty power of god as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Item:- I give and bequeath unto my son Wright Nicholson five shillings sterling money to him. *Item: I give to my son David Nicholson a tract of land he now lives on to him and his heirs forever.*

Item:- I gave unto my son George Nicholson one negro man called George and likewise one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item:- I gave to my son Edward Nicholson a bead and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

~~Item:- I give and bequeath unto my loving wife one negro woman called Poll to her and her heirs forever after my death and likewise give him one negro boy called Sam to him and his heirs forever after my death.~~

Item:- I give and bequeath unto my son Malachi Nicholason One negro woman called Elle, She and her increase and I likewise give him one negro boy called Sam to him and his heirs forever after my death.

Item:- I give and bequeath unto my loving wife one negro woman called Poll to her and her heirs forever after my death and I likewise give one negro woman called Jane and one negro boy called Bob the said two last negroes to her only during her natural life and after her death I give the said negro woman Jane and her increase to my son Josiah Nicholson and likewise I give the said negro boy Bob to my son Josiah Nicholson after his mothers death to him and his heirs forever.

Item:- I give and bequeath and my daughter Tressa Lewis one negro garl called Alice which she has now in possession she and her increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item:- I give and bequeath unto Lydia Lewis one negro boy called James which I have delivered to her to her and her heirs forever.

Item:- I give and bequeath unto my daughter Clee Petmond forty pounds proclamation money to her and her heirs forever after my death.

Item:- I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Walker one negro garl called Poll which she has in possession she and her and increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item:- I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Lydia Nicholson one negro garl called Sarah she and her increase to her and her heirs forever after my death.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving wife my right to my plantation that I live on and all the land belonging to it after my death to her during her natural life and after her death I give to my son Jossiah Nicholson the said plantation if there be any of the time coming by the lease to him and his assings.

Item:- I give unto my loving wife all my remainder of my estate ^{to} given after my just debts is paid to her and her disposal whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my loving wife and my son Wright Nicholson my only and sole executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby disallow revoke disannul and every other former testament wills and legaces bequeaths and executed by me in any ways before named will 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 the day and year above written.

Geo. Nicholson (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of us

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Winfield Wright
Joseph Nicholson
Abbagil Nicholson

Nash County

April court, 1780

The within will was exhibited in open court and proved by the oath of Joseph Nicholson a subscribing witness thereto which is ordered to be recorded.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.

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and is registered " Wm Hall, C.C.

In The Name of God, Amen. I Lewis Davis of Nash County of the State of North Carolina being weak of body but ^{is} perfect since mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth, viz:

Imprimis: I give and bequeath unto my eldest son Dioclesian Davis one ~~cross cut saw~~ ^{cross cut saw} and one iron kettle and one rifle gun that is now in the hands of Davis Connell.

Item: I give and bequeath to my second son Young Davis four hundred and forty acres of land beginning on porters line at a Red Oak running to a Hickory on the south side of the white Oak swamp on Jack branch running east ~~tea~~ ^{then} Red Oak North to the white Oak swamp then up said swamp to Boeth corner then along his line to pine on the creek then up ~~Pine~~ ^{said} Creek to the mouth of the line Branch so up the branch to porters line then along his line to the first station, like wise one roan Horse named Bill and bridle and saddle one feather bed and furniture and six head of cattle and one sow and pigs one small iron pot after his mothers decease, also one Ewe and lamb, one gun.

Item:- I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Prissila Davis one cow.

Item:- I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Lebzey Davis one feather bed and furniture, five head of cattle and for said cattle to be