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the following negroes, Amy, Nathan and Charles, to her and her heirs forever. the Balance to descend in the same manner as the land to my two Brothers Guilford and Thos. Nicholson and their heirs forever.

My will is that my executors or either of them should make sale of a tract of land lying in the county of Halifax known by the name of the Throes place to the best advantage they can by private or public sale for the benefit of my estate and to make titles thereto by deed or deeds to the purchaser or purchasers in fee for the purpose of raising money to pay my debts and to educate my before mentioned children.

Item: My will and desire is that all the rest of my estate after my lawful debts be paid be equally divided between my wife Mary, my daughter Eliza Ann and the child my wife is now pregnant with and if either of said children should die the share of the deceased shall descend to the surviving one.

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I/this my last will and testament empower my executors to act in such manner as they should think best for the benefit of my children either by keeping up my plantation and keeping the negroes thereon with stock or to rent and hire out at their discretion, my desire is that my executors should when the time arrives that my trusty negro Harry should go into the estate of my children that they should treat him with respect and give to him out of my estate the value of ten dollars per year in good clothing and such necessaries as they should think proper.

And I hereby make and ordain my friends my father in law William Arrington and my brother Thos. Nicholson executors of this my last will and testament. set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

the words (or come of age) was interlined before assigned.

Signed, sealed published and declared by the said Jas M. Nicholson, the testator as his last will and testament in the presents of us.

Jas. M. Nicholson (Seal)

Wm M. Gregor  
Mills Whitley

Nash County

November court, 1809

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of William M. Gregor 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 Hardy Taylor of the County of Nash being of perfect mind and memory do this fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lord 1809 make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

Item: I give and bequeath to my sister Selah Drake all my right and title belonging to a negro woman named Chanay.

Item: I give and bequeath to my brother Boyakin Taylor all my right and title of a negro man named Ben and also King and Gilford.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my brother Samuel Taylor one negro boy named <sup>it and his mother's name</sup> Jordan during my mother's natural life and after her death the said Samuel to have the one half of said negro Jordan and also I give unto my brother Samuel Taylor one negro woman named Nancy and one negro boy named Ralph and one other negro. it being the last child of the said negro woman Nancy be it a girl or boy.

Item: I give and bequeath to my mother Sarah Wren one negro woman named Cyer.

Item: My will and desire is that all the rest of my property be sold and the monies applied to the use of paying my debts and if there should be any over plus, after paying said debts, my desire is that Samuel Taylor have it, and if said properties not sufficient, the said Samuel Taylor must make it up out of the legacies given to him. I also disallow of any other heirs or heirs coming in for any part of my estate.

Item: I constitute and appoint Samuel Taylor executor to this my last will and testament and pronounce this to be my last will and testament and no other, signed, sealed and published in the presents of us.

Hardy Taylor (Seal)

Micajah Bridgers.

Monford <sup>W. W. W. W.</sup>

Nash County

November term, 1809

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Monford <sup>W. W. W. W.</sup> 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. April the third one thousand and eight hundred and four, I Lazarus Jones of Nash County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to almighty God for it and calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament that is to say first I give and recommend my soul to almighty God that gave it and as such worldly estate it hath pleased God to Bless me with, I give and bequeath as follows:

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Hannah Jones all the land that I possess one negro boy by the name of Tom all my stock of all kinds that I have my household and kitchen furniture and all my corn and fodder after paying my just debts during her natural life or widowhood and after her death or marriage then all the property to be equally divided between all my children, to them and their heirs forever. And Lastly I do appoint constitute and ordain Hartwell Hines Sen. whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament and I do disannul and disallow all other wills and testaments heretofore made by me In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first

above written.  
Signed, sealed  
delivered in presents of  
Littleberry Hines  
John Jones  
Nash County

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Lazarus Jones (Seal)

February Term, 1810

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Littleberry Hines and John Jones 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.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Nathaniel Drake of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say..

Item: I give and bequeath to Brother Disolation Drake \$100 two hundred Dollars to him and his assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my brother Allen Drake one hundred and fifty dollars to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Griffin one hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my mother Delilah Drake all my stock of cattle to her and her assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my sisters Margret and Delilah Drake all the rest of my estate of every kind whatsoever, after paying my just debts to them and their assigns forever.

I do constitute and appoint my brother in law Daniel Lloyd and William

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Drake executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of November one thousand eight hundred and nine.

Signed, sealed in the presence of Nathaniel Drake (Seal)  
James Drake

Nash County

February Court, 1810

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of James Drake 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 Mathew Drake Senior of Nash County and State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, ordain, publish, and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all others, in manner and form following to wit:

Imprimis: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mourning Drake one negro girl named Jinney with her increase (conveyed formerly by a verbal gift also two other negroes Reddick and Fanny, two cows and calves, one bed and furniture, one mare called Peacock, one hunting saddle and bridle, one walnut chest and also one negro woman named Sarah the whole delivered, and now in her possession, to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I lend to my daughter Martha Nailor Parker three hundred and twenty acres of land be it more or less lying on little swamp where John Badgood formerly lived, one hunting saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture, three cows and calves and two negroes Ausey and Sarah, for an during the term of her natural life and then to be equally divided amongst all my children. Provided nevertheless that should my daughter Martha, <sup>Nailor</sup> ~~Badgood~~ <sup>Badgood</sup> aforesaid have issue begotten of her body, then and in that case it is my will and desire that the said child or children after her death, shall possess a title in fee simple to all the property lent as aforesaid both real and personal to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Mathew Drake the land and plantation whereon I now dwell, containing by estimation two hundred and forty five acres, also part of another survey for four hundred acres, granted by the earl of Granville adjoining all that part lying on the south side of little creek and up said creek to the mouth of the Tan Trough Branch, thence up said branch to the public road, thence up said road to the south line this land is joining the major plantation, one negro man named Mathew, one boy named Sampson, One wench and child Lizette, the wench named Hannah, one horse called Damon, one saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture, one large bible, one dictionary and one shot gun to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Sumner two negro boys named