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ture of the same.

4th I give unto my daughter Mary Norris the sum of five shillings.

5. I give unto my daughter Patty Smedley my negro girl named Patt, during her natural life then the negro and her increase to be divided among her children.

6. I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Cooper my negro girl named Easter her and her increase forever.

7. I give unto my daughter Catharine Mason my negro boy named Dempsey to her and her heirs.

8. I give unto Alla Mallard the sum of Seventy pounds a feather bed and furniture complete.

9. I lend unto my well beloved wife Elizabeth Mason the use of my plantation and all my stock of all kinds my negroes not included in the foregoing gifts likewise all my household furniture and plantation utensils during her natural life or widowhood and after her death or marriage I ordain that all my estate except the foregoing shall be equally divided among my six sons viz: Henry, Mark, Foster, William, Abner and Benjamin and also among my three daughters Patty, Elizabeth and Catherine.

I constitute, ordain and appoint my well beloved wife Elizabeth Mason and my son Benjamin Mason when of age my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament to see it executed and performed. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth March 1790.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of

Mark Mason (Seal)

Mason Thomas  
Tisey Thomas  
Foster Mason

This will assigned the 15th day of October 1790.

Nash County November term 1793  
The within will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Tisey Thomas a subscribing witness thereto. on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registered in obedience to the above order.

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Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

In The Name of God Amen, I Henry Screws of the State of North Carolina and Nash County being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect sense and memory thanks be to almighty God for the same calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows viz:

First: I give my soul to God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my friends that survive me.

Item: I give and bequeath to my eldest son John Screws one horse, bridle and saddle which he has in his possession now and also one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son James Screws my oneeyed horse  
bridle and saddle and also one feather bed and furniture to him and  
his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Screws one  
chest and also one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs for-  
ever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Screws one large chest  
and also one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Anna Robertson one  
chest and six pewter plates and also one feather bed and furniture to  
her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my two sons William Screws and Littleton  
Screws all my land to be equally divided between them and all the rest of  
my estate to be sold except the negroes and after my just debts are  
paid my desire is that out of the remainder of the money which my  
estate fetches my two sons William Screws, and Littleton Screws, each of  
them should have a horse to the value of ten pounds virginia money  
and my four negroes Frank and Nance and Tis and Jude to be hired out  
until my youngest child comes to the age of twenty one years and then  
they and their increase if any to be equally divided between my grand  
daughter and all my children, my grand daughter Anna Robertson should  
die with out an heir lawfully begotten of her body then her part of my  
estate to be equally divided amongst all my children. Lastly I nominate  
and appoint Josiah Nicholson and John Powell to execute this my  
last will and testament thereby revoking all former wills by me made.  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of  
October, Anno Domini 1793.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of us John Wiggins  
Susanna Powell.

Henry Screws (Seal)

Nash County

November Term 1793

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

Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

I William Hall Clerk of the county aforesaid do hereby certify the  
foregoing to be true copy given under my hand and seal of office  
this 5th day of March, 1828 Wm Hall, C.C.

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In The Name of God Amen, I Joseph Winstead of the State of North Carolina  
and Nash County being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and  
memory thanks be to God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my  
body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and

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ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following  
to wit. In Primises.

Item: I lend and bequeath to my loving wife Ann Winstead the land and  
plantation whereon I now live containing one hundred and fifty acres  
more or less all my cattle and all the hogs and sheep and two head  
of horses and all my <sup>household</sup> ~~household~~ goods, feather beds and furniture and  
all my perishable part of my estate to her during her life <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ widow-  
hood.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Suzanna Winstead  
the land and plantation whereon I now live containing one hundred  
and fifty acres more or less two feather beds and furniture, one  
black horse, bridle and saddle to her after the death of my wife.

Item: I will that the remainder part of my estate to be equally  
divided between (to wit) Elizabeth Boen and Nance Cockrell,  
Sarah Poling and Suzanna Winstead to them and their heirs forever,  
after the death or marriage of my wife.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving son Joseph Winstead the  
sheep that he has now in possession and three pounds in money that he  
has now in possession to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my grandson Sammie Winstead one hundred  
acres of land more or less running from the river north by a line of  
marked trees to the back line to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I do hereby nominate and appoint my loving son Joseph Winstead  
and Jordan Sherrod sole executors of this my last will and testament  
and revoking all former wills and testaments heretofore made or ordered  
and do publish and pronounce this my last will and testament.

*This 15th day of April, 1788.*  
Signed, sealed and published

and pronounced in the  
presence of us  
Attest, David Bridgen  
Regenex Winstead  
her mark  
Sarah Winstead  
mark.

Joseph Winstead (Seal)

Nash County

February court 1794

The within will was duly proven in open court by the oath of David Bridgen  
a subscribing witness thereto which is ordered to be recorded.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest, W. Hall, C.C.