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my wives decesse to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son Baldy Cockrell, one negro boy named Isaac to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Betsey Cockrell one negro girl named Easter to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Nancy Cockrell one negro girl Delena to her and her heirs forever. Item: All my estate that I have not heretofore lent nor given away be sold and all my lawful debts paid out of the money arising from such sale and if there is any left to be equally divided among all my children after my executor is satisfied for his trouble.

Item: I hereby appoint and nominate my trusty friend John Vick Esq. my executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of March 1809

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in the presence of us  
Jas. Vick  
William Horn  
Everard Batman.

John Cockrell (Seal)

Nash County

August Court 1809

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of William Horn and Everard Batman 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 Joseph Selah of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of perfect sound mind sense and memory and understanding do make this my last will and testament in form and manner following to wit: I give my soul to almighty God that gave it and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned. Item: My desire is that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and then all the rest of my estate be disposed of in form and manner following (Item) I give and bequeath to my dear and well beloved grandson Cordy Selah one horse bridge and saddle two feather beds and furniture and bedsteads one pot one frying pan two axes two pewter basons one pewter dish six table spoons one chest to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Silliear Beggaves five shillings specie and I do also constitute and appoint my trusty friends Cordy Selah and Jesse Joiner executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the sixteenth day of February, 1807.

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Bennett Joiner.

his mark.  
Joseph Selah (Seal)

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Nash County

August court, 1809

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Bennet Joiner 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 James M. Nicholson of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory (blessed be God) do this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord eight teen hundred and nine make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and following that is to say first:

I give to my beloved wife Mary Nicholson the following negroes to wit Beally, Phillis, Henry and Isham to her heirs forever. I lend to my said wife during her widowhood the following negroes that is to say Harry and his wife Silvey with there two youngest children Amstan and Ben. I also lend to my said wife my Manner Plantation whereon I now live for an during her life, and at her death to go to and descend to my daughter Eliza Ann Nicholson and the child that my said wife Mary is now pregnant with to be equally divided between the two, and if either of the said children should die before they arrive of age or have issue then the hole of said land to go to the surviving one and if they should both die before they arrive of age or have issue then the said land to be equally divided between my two brothers Guilford and Thos. Nicholson and their heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Eliza Ann Nicholson and the child that my above mentioned wife is now pregnant with all that Valuable plantation on the north side of Fishing creek lying in the county of Halifax known by the Batts and Ethridges places and all my lands adjoining there to to be equally divided between the above mentioned children and if either of said children should die then to descend as in the first instance to the surviving one and if they should both die before they should either have issue or come of age then to descend to Guilford and Thos. Nicholson as above. I also give to my said daughter Eliza Ann and the before mentioned child that my wife is pregnant with the following negroes, Ishameal, Tom, Lynus, Margaret, Baby, Mary, Charlott, Amy Nathan, Nathan, and Charles and at the death or Marriage of my said wife the before named negroes, Mary, Ivey, Austan, and Ben to be equally divided between the two children above mentioned when the said Eliza Ann becomes of age or marries but if either of my said children should die before they arrive of age or have issue then the hole of said negroes to descend to the surviving one and if they should both die before they arrive of age or have issue in that case I give to my wife Mary Nicholson

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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 ~~Jordan~~ <sup>it and his son other last name</sup> Jordan during my mothers 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.

Micajah Bridgers.  
Monford ~~Wright~~ <sup>Wright</sup>

Hardy Taylor (Seal)

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Nash County

November term, 1809

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Monford ~~Wright~~ 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.