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term of natural life, the following articles (viz). my blue chest my best table, three feather beds and furniture, my buffet, all my working tools in doors and out all my pewter and earthen ware, three work horses, prince, Buck and Bradack also fifteen head of cattle, such as she shall make ~~child~~ of, and at her death ~~my will~~ ^{shall} is, that the above articles be equaply divided betwixt my ~~aforesaid~~ ^{three} ~~sons~~ (viz) Hardy, John and Boykin Taylors;

Item: I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Sarah Taylor one fourth part of my crop now growing and also all my Hoggs and the residue of my crop I desire to be sold and the purchase money equally divided betwixt my three sons, Hardy, John and Boykin Taylors.

Item: The remaining part of my property whether real or personal that I have not lent nor given away I desire may be sold, and the purchase money equally divided (and put out on interest) between my five youngest sons and youngest daughter. viz: Samuel, Harry, Hardy, John Boykin and Selia Taylor lastly I do nominate constitute and ordain my beloved son Etheldred Taylor and my beloved friend William Lancaster of Franklin my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament utterly revoking disanuling and renouncing all other wills by me heretofore made. Inwitness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this thirty first day of May, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight.

Signed, sealed, and acknowledged
in presence of us
William Lancaster
Theophilus Odom
Robert Rogers.

his
Harry Taylor (Seal)
mark.

Nash County

November Term 1788.

The aforesaid will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Robert Rogers 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 Jeremiah Deens of Nash County being in sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same do this nineteenth day of February one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight make and publish: this my last will and testament in manner following ~~that is~~ ^{to say} first I lend to my beloved wife Molley Deens all my lands and plantation and all my moveable property both in doors and out of doors enduring other widowhood or life and then after her widowhood or life the lands and plantation to my son Sherrod Deens and then one feather led to my daughter temperance Deens and the rest of my property to be equally divided amongst all my children after the above mentioned widowhood or decease and I make and ordain my dear beloved wife Molley Deens executrix and my worthy