

Signed, in the presence of  
Jacob Ing.  
Littlebury Pope

297

Reuban Taylor (Seal)

State of North Carolina, Nash County Court, Nov. session 1822.  
The foregoing was duly proven in open court by the oaths of Jacob Ing.  
and Littlebury Pope two subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last  
will and testament of Reubin Taylor deceased and on motion ordered to  
be recorded.  
Attest H. G. Blount, C. C. C.  
and is recorded in obedience thereto.

Attest H. G. Blount, C. C. C.

298

September the 23 day, 1814. This my will and last testament I give  
my mother Nancy Watkins one negro boy named Tom her life time  
after her death to my sister Elizabeth Watkins, also I give to my  
brother John Watkins all the lands that I have any right or title  
to, to him his heirs forever. All the property not heretofore named  
after discharging all my lawfull debts, I give and bequeath to my  
sisters Charlotte Hicks, Harry Hicks, Elizabeth Watkins, Nancy Scar-  
borough and Delila Watkins, to them their heirs forever. Given under  
my hand September the 23 day 1814.

My hand and seal

Isaac Watkins (Seal)

298

This is to certify that I appoint Marmaduke Mason as executor to this  
my last will and testament.

Marmaduke Mason executor.

Isaac Watkins (Seal)  
and will

State of North Carolina  
Nash County Court Nov. Session 1822.  
On motion the within last will and testament of Isaac Watkins deceased  
was exhibited in open court by Marmaduke Mason the executor there in  
named and was proven by the oaths of Drew Hunter, John Hicks and Gamue-  
Vick who respectively swore that they were well acquainted with the  
hand writing of said Isaac Watkins the testator, and that they did  
verily believe that the signature of the said Isaac which appears sub-  
scribed to the said last will and testament as well as every part of  
and parcel thereof was in the proper hand writing of the said Isaac  
Watkins. It was further proven by the oath of James W. Dance that the  
said last will and testament was found among the valuable papers of  
the said Isaac Watkins the testator and on motion ordered to be re-  
corded.  
Attest Henry Blount, C. C. C.  
and is recorded in obedience thereto.

299

Attest H. Blount, C. C. C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Jesse Hammons of Nash County being of sound  
and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this 9 of April  
1816 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner  
following, that is to say first I give and bequeath to my son Willis

299

Hammons all my land that lye on the east side of turkey creek supposed  
to be 350 acres but he is not to have the land between my spring branch  
and the creek until the death of my wife Charity Hammons and at her  
death the land is his the place where we now live also I give to  
him one feather bed and furniture one cow and calf four sheep,  
Item; then I give and bequeath to my daughter Charity Hammons one feather  
bed and furniture one cow and calf four sheep,  
Item: Then I give to my son James Hammons all my land on the west side  
of Turkey creek 150 acres upon conditions if Willis Hammons will  
pay James Hammons one hundred Dollars then he the said Willis Hammons  
is to have the land but if Willis Hammons dont pay James Hammons the  
said hundred dollars the write is fully in James Hammons and his heirs  
forever.

Item: then I lend to my beloved wife Charity Hammons her life time the  
land on the west side of my spring branch and the creek one choice  
horse, two cows and calves, one beefe two sows and pigs, six sheep, six  
hogs, and all my tools, household and kitchen furniture all the rest of  
my stock horses, hogs, and cattle and sheep to be sold by my executors  
and pay my lawfull debts and the rest of the money arising from  
said sale to be divided between my four daughters Marion Morgan, Polley  
Carter and Susannay Strickland, Charity Hammons, at my wifes death all  
the property that I lent her except the land is to be sold and equally  
divided among all my children or their heirs and thereby make and  
ordain my son William Hammons and Willis Hammons executors of this my  
last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Jesse Hammons have  
to this my last will and test set my hand and seal the day and year above  
written and sealed and published and delivered by the said Jesse  
Hammons testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us  
who was present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Witness:

Jesse Hammons (Seal)

A Ferrell  
Isaac Strickland  
Sign anders.  
State of North Carolina Nash County, Nov. session 1822.

The foregoing paper writing was exhibited in open court for probate as the  
last will and testament of Jesse Hammons deceased and was duly proven  
as such by the oath of A. Ferrell a subscribing witness thereto and on  
motion ordered to be recorded.  
Attest Henry Blount, C. C. C.  
and is recorded in obedience thereto.

H. Blount, C. C. C.