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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I James Atkinson of the County of Nash in the State of North Carolina being in perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Item:- I will that all my just debts be paid.

Item:- I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret one feather bed and furniture also one looking glass also I give her one box iron and heater and one chest her choice also I give her one third part of the remainder of my personal or moveable estate . also I lend her the land and plantation whereon I live during her life.

Item: I give and bequeath to my sons Burwell and Ephraim their heirs and assigns the land and plantation whereon I live to return to them after my wives death the land to be equally divided between them.

Item: I give all the remainder of my estate after the payment of my debts to be equally divided among my children.

Item: I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Margaret and my son Barrel Executors of this my last will and testament and I publish this and no other to be my last will and testament, ~~and~~ Signed, sealed publish and ~~pronounced~~ <sup>pronounced</sup> this 21st day of December 1779, his

Nathan Boddie  
Pennetts Boddie.

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Jamesx Adkinson  
mark.

Nash County

April Term, 1783

The within will was exhibited in open court for probate and proven by the oath of Nathan Boddie 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..

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In The Name of God Amen. I John Cooper, of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. (viz).

Imprimis:- I give and bequeath to my wife Penelope one feather bed and furniture one Horse called Roger, one side saddle and bridle and one chest to her heirs and assigns . I also lend my negro Jude to my wife for the term of six years after my decease and the expiration of that time or if my wife should die before, I give the said negro Jude and all her increase to my daughter Mary Cooper to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item:- I give and bequeath to my son Cannan Cooper one feather bed and furniture , one dish two plates one bason, three sheep , one heifer and one hundred acres of land be the same more or less it being that part of <sup>my</sup> land adjoining Elizabeth Bell's land and bounded as follows running from John Hunts line a line of marked trees to swift creek to

him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Reuben Cooper one hundred acres of land be it more or less on the East side of the Haw branch bounded by a line of Marked trees from Griffins line to John Hunts line to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Sarah Deen five shillings and no more.

Item: I give to my son Edward Cooper five shillings and no more.

Item: I give to my son William Cooper five shillings and no more.

Item: I give to my son James Cooper five shillings and no more.

Item: I give to my daughter Amy Cooper five shillings and no more.

Item: I lend the use and profit of my plantation and all my land which I have not given to my sons Cannon and Reuben to my said wife Penelope during her natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the same to my sons John and Joel Cooper to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Mary Cooper one feather bed and furniture to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Mourning Cooper one bed and furniture one chest one desk and one basin to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give to my son Joel Cooper and sorrel year old colt to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Mark Cooper one one still worn and cap to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item: I give to my daughter Penelope Cooper one feather bed & furniture to her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I lend all the rest <sup>and</sup> residue of my estate to my wife penelope during her widowhood and at her death or marriage, I give the same to four of my children namely John, Joel, Penelope and Mark to be equally divided among them to their heirs and assigns forever.

I do constitute <sup>and appoint</sup> my wife Penelope, my sons Edward, Reuben, and Cannon executors to this my last will and testament. In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of December 1784.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in presence of  
Hardy Griffin  
Archibald Griffin.  
W.L. Mearns  
Nash County

his  
John x Cooper (Seal)  
mark

February Term 1785

The above mentioned will was duly proved in open court by the oath of Hardy Griffin and and W.L. Mearns two subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

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 Dorel Davenport of Nash County, being weak in bodie but of a sound and perfect memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in a manner and form following to wit: I give and bequeath to my son John the land and Plantation whereon I live to him his heirs and assigns for ever also one feather bed and furniture.