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testament. in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 8th day of December 1807.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged.
in presents of

S. Westray
Wm. H. H. H.
Gallie B. Westray

Solomon Whitfield (Seal)

Nash County

November court 1808

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Sam Westray 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 John Gay of the Franklin County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak but of sound mind and perfect memory do make ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth.

I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah Gay my land and plantation that is now lying in Nash County also my desk and my shot gun.

I also lend unto my beloved wife Martha Gay her choice of three of my cows and calves also my stock of sheep also my horses and side saddle my cart and wheels also my stocks hogs also my two beds also her choice of two of my chests my loom and gear also my crop corn also my square table also her choice of half of my pewter her choice of two of my pots and Hooks my hoes and axes my looking glass and grying pan also my woolen wheel and cards my Lennen Wheel and eight chairs also lend my negro boy called Harry untill my son Mills Gay comes to age of twenty one years. Its is my will and desire that he shall have him then. I also lend unto my wife my negro wench called Grace during the life of her widowhood and if my negro wench Grace should have children Its my will and desire that my children should every one have one and beginning as they were born Bethany Gay, Josiah Gay and Mills Gay and after they have every one had one. Its my will and desire that my daughter Bethany Gay should have my negro wench Grace one little gilt trunk Its my will and desire that my son Mills Gay should have my tea box and my long gun.

and if any of my children should die before they come of age to take their estate, Its my will and desire that it should be equally divided amongst them that is living.

I also lend unto my well beloved wife two hundred and fifty pounds. Its my will and desire that all the rest of my state shall be equally divided between my two sons Josiah Gay and Mills also the above mentioned articles as I lent unto my well beloved wife that after the life of her

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shall be equally divided amongst my three children above mentioned and I further appoint my well beloved wife Martha Gay and Elias Gay my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament and I do revoke all former wills by me heretofore made and do establish this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 8th day of June 1790.

Signed, sealed in the presents of

John Gay.

Ephraim Gilliam
William Westart
David Vinson.
Nash County

November court, 1808

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Ephraim Gilliam 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 Salley Screws of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do think proper to make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit:

Imprimis: I give and bequeath unto Alex W. Hines my negro girl named Olive to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my niece Anne Robertson my saddle

Item: After my just debts are paid my desire is that my land and all the residue of my money (if any) together with my clothes be equally divided between the children of my brother James Screws. I also nominate and appoint Alex W. Hines the whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all other wills and testaments heretofore made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of Decr. one thousand eight hundred and eight.

Signed, sealed, and pronounced

his

Salley X Screws (Seal)
mark.

in presence of us
Test.
L. Lewis
Hartwell Hines Sen.
Nash County

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February court 1809

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Hartwell Hines Sen. 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.