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In The Name of God, Amen, Whereas I John Melton of Nash County and State of North Carolina, being weak in body though of sound and perfect memory thanks be to God do make this writing as and for my last will and testament

Imprimis: I give and bequeath unto my son Cooper Melton the plantation and tract of land I Purchased of Briant O'Neal containing by estimation one hundred and fifty acres to hold to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Melton the plantation whereon I now live with all the land I purchased of Arthur O'Neal containing by estimation one hundred and forty six acres to hold to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Melton her choice one feather bed and furniture . Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Hart five shillings as for the remainder of my estate my will and desire is that it be equally divided between my wife aforesaid and children David Melton, Mathew Melton, Joseph Melton, Ann Melton, Fereby Melton, Cooper Melton, Martha Melton and Thomas Melton and I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons David Melton and Joseph Melton my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of April, 1907.

Signed, and sealed  
in presence of  
Lewis Vick  
Jacob Vick  
Achrah <sup>her</sup> x Vick  
mark  
Nash County

his  
John x Melton (Seal)  
mark.

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August court 1800

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Lewis Vick a subscribing witness thereto and on motion and 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 Francis Ward of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina the weak in body yet of perfect and sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis: I give and devise unto my son Benjamin Ward One negro man named Essex to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and devise unto my daughter Mary Southall two pounds specie. Item: I give and devise unto my daughter Salley Avent four hundred acres of land to be taken out of that tract of land that I purchased of Archibald Davis adjoining said Avents land also two negroes <sup>(w)</sup> Patience and Mournin and their increase to her and her heirs forever.