Stephen Wells and Joel Bunn make theoath that Absolom Wells who departed this life sometime in January 1795 made his nuncupative will as follows towit: I wish Stephen wells should settle my business. and my wish is that my brother Redman Wells should have my horse, saddle bridle and saddle bags and my come-

his Stephen x Wells

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mark The foregoing will was duly proven and on motion ordered to be recorded. 94 Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

In The Name of God. Amen. I John Taylor of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body yet of sound senne and memory thanks be to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament first and principally I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my bady I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as to what worldly estate it hath pleased god to bless me with I give demise bequeath and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First of all my lawfull debts to be paid.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving son Dempsey Taylor the tract or parcel of land whereon he now lives and one negro girl named Chery and the stock of all kinds that he has of mine in his possession at this time and oneroan horse one bridle and saddle that he had in hispossession when he left me to him and his heirs for ever.

Item : I give and bequeath to my loving son William Taylor the tract of land and plantation whereon he now lives and one negro wench named sall and the stock all kinds that he has of mine in his possession at this time and three head of ews to be taken from the manner plantation and one sorrel horse that he hapid in his possession when he left me to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to Loving son John Taylor part of the land that I purchased of Robert Wick beginning on the Bogg Branch at the first crock of said branch that makes above the mouth of said branch from thence a s straight course to the upper corner of the new ground fence and to continumalon; the said fence to theother corner and from that to the swamp Hill on or near a straight course as before mentioned all the said land that I hold on each side of the swamp above the said line containing part of two tracts one negro garl named Jenna and the stock of cattle he has hoggs and sheep that he has in his care on the said land and one cow and calf to be taken from the manner plantation one whitehorse called Brandy one bridle and saddle that he has now in his pessession to him and his

heirs forever.

Item: I lend unto my beloved wife Ruth Taylor during her natural life one negro man named Daniel and one negro garl named Rachal two head of horses six cows and calves and six head of young cattle a greeable to her own choice out of my stock and two feather beds and furniture and forty head of homes ten head of sheep. Further more my desire is that my loving wife Ruth may have the hole and total care of my children hereinafter mentioned and their legacies to raise them on until they come of age to receive their legacies themselves.

Further more my desire is that this part or parcel of my estate left here to my loving wife may return to my son Wiley is hereinafter mentioned excepting one bed and furniture and one saddle which I give to her without any exception.

also my desire is that after the death of my loving wife the aforesaid negro Daniel may return to my children and be equally divided amongst them all boath male and feemale, also my kitchen andhouse hold furniture not mentioned before nor after .

Item: I gave and bequeath to my loving daughter Delilah Taylor one negro boy named Isaac one feather bedand furniture , three cows and calves one hunting saddle toher and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Elizabeth Taylor one negro garl named Lucy one feather bed and furniture three cows and calves and ten dellars to buy her a saddle to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Judah Taylor one negro boy named Tom one feather bed and furniture three cows and calves and ten dollars to buy her a saddle to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Wiley Taylor the land and plantation and grissmill whereon I now live containing twohundred and seventy nine acres and also one other peace of land on the north side of Boisnot wamp takensff from the land that I puchased of RobertVick below the line mentioned in Johnspart of land also two hundred acres of land on the south side of said swamp joining stricklands Extenses and the land whereon I now live and one negro garl named Rachal one mare called his own one feather bed and furniture six cows and calves and forty head ofheggs as before mentioned dent to my wife and after her death if any more to return to him the said Wiley Taylor him and his heirs forever.

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my loving son Demps Taylor, William Taylor, John Taylor, and all my estate both perishable and I leave to the discretion of the three sons mentioned as executors to dispose of either at public or private sale and if any remainder to be equally divided between my loving wife and allmy children before named to pay my lawful debts before any division and I here appoint my three sons as before named in this claws to wit Deempsey William and John Executors of this my last will and testament allowing this and only this to be my last will and testament in witness where of I have set my hand and seal this twenty eight day of September in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

Signed, sealed, and published

in presents of

his

Wilson Taylor

John x Taylor (Seal)

mark

Jacob Wheeler Richardx Dean

Nash County

May court, 1796

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by theoath of Jacob wheeler 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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Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

In The Mame of God, Amen, I Robert Vick of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being sick and weak of body yet of sound sence and memory thanks be to god for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament first and principally I give and reccommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it and my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned also what worldly estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I give demise bequeath and dispose after the following manner and form first of all my lawful debts to be paid.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Jacob Vick all the remainer of my est to both real and personal of every kind whatsoever to be and held and enjoyed by him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: And I hereby make andordain my said son Jacob Vick executor of this my last will and testement in witness whereof I the said Robert Vick have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this thirtyeth day of June and the year of our lord god one thousand seven hundred andninety six signed, sealed and published in presents of

RobertxVick (Seal)

John Taylor

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Mash County

August, Court, 1796