

Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving wife my right to my plantation that I live on and all the land belonging to it after my death to her during her natural life and after her death I give to my son Jossiah Nicholson the said plantation if there be any of the time coming by the lease to him and his assings.

Item:- I give unto my loving wife all my remainder of my estate <sup>to</sup> given after my just debts is paid to her and her disposal whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my loving wife and my son Wright Nicholson my only and sole executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby disallow revoke disannul and every other former testament wills and legaces bequeaths and executed by me in any ways before named will and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Geo. Nicholson (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of us

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Winfield Wright  
Joseph Nicholson  
Abbagil Nicholson

Nash County

April court, 1780

The within will was exhibited in open court and proved by the oath of Joseph Nicholson a subscribing witness thereto which is ordered to be recorded.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.

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and is registered " Wm Hall, C.C.

In The Name of God, Amen. I Lewis Davis of Nash County of the State of North Carolina being weak of body but <sup>is</sup> perfect since mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth, viz:

Imprimis: I give and bequeath unto my eldest son Dioclesian Davis one ~~cross cut saw~~ <sup>cross cut saw</sup> and one iron kettle and one rifle gun that is now in the hands of Davis Connell.

Item: I give and bequeath to my second son Young Davis four hundred and forty acres of land beginning on porters line at a Red Oak running to a Hickory on the south side of the white Oak swamp on Jack branch running east ~~to~~ <sup>then</sup> Red Oak North to the white Oak swamp then up said swamp to Boeth corner then along his line to pine on the creek then up ~~Pine~~ <sup>said</sup> Creek to the mouth of the line Branch so up the branch to porters line then along his line to the first station, like wise one roan Horse named Bill and bridle and saddle one feather bed and furniture and six head of cattle and one sow and pigs one small iron pot after his mothers decease, also one Ewe and lamb, one gun.

Item:- I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Prissila Davis one cow.

Item:- I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Lebzey Davis one feather bed and furniture, five head of cattle and for said cattle to be

kept for her at the discretion of my executor.

Item:- I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Tabitha Davis one feather bed and furniture, six head of cattle, one large iron pott, Also I devise that my wife may have the use during her widowhood of my ~~Manner~~ plantation with 160 acres of land, being the land <sup>that</sup> I purchased of William Smith further I desire that at the end of her widowhood ~~of~~ decease the said 160 acres of land may be the right and property of my Daughter Loizey Davis and if so be she should dye with out heir for the said 160 acres of <sup>land</sup> to be equally divided between my son Young and My Daughter Prissilla Davis, and after my above debts and legacys is paid out I desire my wife may have the use of all the rest of my goods and chattels during her widowhood and after her widowhood the said goods and chattels to be equally divided between my son Young and My daughter Loizey.

Lastly: I constitute and appoint my son Dioclesian Davis and my wife Tabitha Davis <sup>joint</sup> whole and sole executor and executrix of this my will and testament in witness whereunto I have set my hand and seal this November 22nd day, 1779.

Lewis Davis (Seal)

Lucy Gainer  
Arthur Davis

Nash County

April court, 1780

The within will was exhibited in open court and proved by the oath of Arthur Davis which is ordered to be recorded.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registered Wm Hall, C.C.

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In The Name of God, Amen: I, John Bailey of Nash County and State of North Carolina, being in perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God for the same therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like manner at the discretion of my executor. Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give devise and depose of the same in the following manner and form.

Item:- I give to my beloved son Henry Bailey my negro Fellow named Will and five head of grone cattle and my riffle gun five head of grone hogs and the first coult that the mare I had of Thomas Jones Brings.

Item:- I devise to my beloved daughter Drexler O'Neal Two hundred acres of land lying on both sides of the Green Branch in Johnston County and a negre boy called Dublet and five head of grown cattle to her and her heirs forever.

Item:- I give to my beloved daughter Prissilla Carter two hundred acres of land in Johnston county in the <sup>(step)</sup> ~~Shap~~ hill branch and Contentory Creek and