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Nash County

November session 1817

The foregoing will was exhibited in open court for probate and proven by the oath of Drewry Joiner a subscribing witnesses 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 Masee Denson 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 (that is to say) I give and bequeath unto my daughter Isbell Cooper the wife of James Cooper, one mare called the Fision Filly, one side saddle one bridle, one cow with calf and one hundred and thirty dollars in casher notes, when my estate is sold and collected to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son in law Benjamin Cooper twenty five cents to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my three grand children the children of Mary and Benj. Cooper, her husband (namely) Rebecca Cooper, Masee Cooper and Mathew Cooper, twenty five cents each to them and their heirs forever to be paid out of my estate when sold and collected.

Item: I give and bequeath to my five daughters (namely) Martha Whitley, Sally Screws, Rebecca Turner, Masee Mackney and Isbell Cooper my five feather beds and furniture to be equally divided to them and their heirs forever.

Item: My will and desire is that all the rest of my property of every kind shall be sold and be equally divided among my seven children namely, Mathew Freeman, Henry Freeman, Martha Whitley, Sally Screws, Rebecca Turner, Masee Mackney and Isbell Cooper to them and their heirs forever.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Joseph Arrington Junr. my executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of Jan. one thousand eight hundred and Eighteen

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in presents of us.
Wm McGregor
Allen Drake
Nash County

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Masee Denson (Seal)

February sessions 1818

The foregoing will was exhibited in open court for probate and proven by the oath of William McGregor and Allen Drake two subscribing witnesses 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 Edward York of the County of Nash and State of north Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same do this seventeenth day of March in the year of our lard one thousand eight hundred and sixteen make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say) First: I desire that all my just debts be paid out of what it is has pleased the lord to bless me with in this life the ballance of my property I give and devise and dispose of in the following manner and form.

Item: I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Judith York the plantation whereon she formerly lived on Eoisnot and the following negroes to wit: Primass Annis, Nell, Will, Squire and Peter one feather bed and furniture, one blue chest, one bay horse, bridle and saddle, one woollen wheel, one pair of calfs, three setting chairs one bond against Henry Flowers to the amount of One Hundred and Seventy five dollars one debt against Edward Flowers to the amount of thirty dollars.

Item: I lend my beloved daughter Zaney Lewis all the household furniture and stock that John Lewis her husband has now in possession also during her natural life one negro boy named Isaac also one negro girl named "odah and after her death for the above named negroes to be equally divided among her heirs lawfully begotten of her to them and their assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son John York all the household furniture and stock now in his possession also one negro boy named green one negro boy named Alexander now in his possession to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Nancy Lamen all the household furniture and stock that ^{she} has now in possession the following negroes to wit: One negro girl named Rachel one negro boy named Moses now in her possession also one negro girl named Natty also one negro girl named Harriot to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my three sons Lamen, Edwin and Duncan York all my lands and negroes not before mentioned if either of my three last mentioned sons should die without heir for the other two to heir the property left to them three also all the remainder of my property not before mentioned to be equally divided amongst them three to them and their heirs forever.

And I do hereby make and ordain my three sons Lamen, Edwin and Duncan York Executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Edward York have set my hand and seal the day and date above mentioned.

Signed, sealed in presents of

Edward York (Seal)

Willie Taylor
J. Taylor

Nash County

February court, 1818

The foregoing will was exhibited in open court for probate and proven by the oath of John Taylor a subscribing witness who swore he saw within Willie Taylor subscribe the same as a witness and on motion ordered