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In the Name of God Amen. I William Ballard of Nash County in the State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: I recommend my soul into the hands of almighty god that gave it my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter to be appointed.

Item: I gave and bequeath unto my wife Anna Ballard one feather bed and furniture one cow and calf, one saddle, one chest, one woolen wheel all my kitchen furniture and as much provision as will support her and the child one year.

Item: My desire is that the land I bought of my brother be sold and all the remainder of my property and my just debts be paid.

Item: I gave and bequeath unto my daughter Phereby the money the hole of my property brings after paying my just debts. I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Elijah Atkinson executor to this my last will and testament. Signed, sealed and acknowledged in this the 23 day of September in the year of our Lord God one thousand eight hundred and fourteen

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mark.

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William Ballard (Seal)

Nash County

February Session 1815

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of William Dinsey and Jesse Joiner who proved the hand writing of William Ballard and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.

and is recorded in obedience to the above order.

Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Willis Trevathan of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to God for the same do appoint this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth. firstly it is my desire that as much of my property as can be best spared to be sold to pay my just debts.

Secondly: It is my desire that the whole of my property after paying my just debts, I lend to my well loved wife Mary Trevathan during her natural life or widowhood.

Thirdly it is my desire after the death of my wife all and every of my property then remaining to be sold and my son Williamson Trevathan and Selah Trevathan to made up to them equal to what I have given to my other children and the balance then remaining if any to be equally divided between all my children to wit. Galley Trevathan and Mathews Trevathan, Nancy Ross, Penlope Price, Charlotte

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Price, Williamson Trevathan, and Selah Trevathan, I do hereby appoint my son Mathew Trevathan executor to this my last will and testament, which I do appoint ordain and publish utterly revoking all other wills heretofore by me made this 5th day of January, 1815 declaring this to be my last will and testament in presents of us.  
John Atkinson  
Lewis Hines  
Willis Trevathan (Seal)

Nash County February Session 1815

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Lewis Hines a subscribing witness thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded. Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.

and is recorded in obedience to the above order.

Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen.

I. Massey Massengale of Nash County being sick and in a low state of health but of a strong mind do intend to dispose of my goods as follows: I do lend to my sister Elizabeth Passmore one cow and earling with the increase during her life then to be divided between Kizza Massengale children and Warren Massengale children to them and their heirs and assigns forever. I lend one cow and earling to sister Mary Massengale with all the increase during her life and at her death the cattle to be divided between Reddick Massengale children and Kizza Massengale children to them and their heirs and assigns forever. I do give and bequeath to my sister Mary all my provisions meat, corn and fodder cotton and flax and wool and one pair of cotton cards to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath unto my sister Elizabeth Passmore and sister Mary Massengale all the rest of my goods and chattles to them and their heirs and assigns forever, where unto I have set my hand and seal this sixth day of February 1814. in witness hereof.

Wm Fletcher  
William Lawrence.

her  
Massey Massengale (Seal)  
mark.

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Nash County

May court 1815

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of William Lawrence a subscribing witness thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.

and is recorded in obedience to the above order.

Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.