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In the Name of God Amen. April the third one thousand and eight hundred and four, I Lazarus Jones of Nash County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to almighty God for it and calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament that is to say first I give and recommend my soul to almighty God that gave it and as such worldly estate it hath pleased God to Bless me with, I give and bequeath as follows:

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Hannah Jones all the land that I possess one negro boy by the name of Tom all my stock of all kinds that I have my household and kitchen furniture and all my corn and fodder after paying my just debts during her natural life or widowhood and after her death or marriage then all the property to be equally divided between all my children, to them and their heirs forever. And Lastly I do appoint constitute and ordain Hartwell Hines Sen. whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament and I do disannul and disallow all other wills and testaments heretofore made by me In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first

above written.

Signed, sealed  
delivered in presents of  
Littleberry Hines  
John Jones  
Nash County

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Lazarus Jones (Seal)

February Term, 1810

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Littleberry Hines and John Jones 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.

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Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Nathaniel Drake of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say..

Item: I give and bequeath to Brother Disolation Drake \$100 two hundred Dollars to him and his assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my brother Allen Drake one hundred and fifty dollars to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Griffin one hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my mother Delilah Drake all my stock of cattle to her and her assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my sisters Margret and Delilah Drake all the rest of my estate of every kind whatsoever, after paying my just debts to them and their assigns forever.

I do constitute and appoint my brother in law Daniel Lloyd and William

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Drake executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of November one thousand eight hundred and nine.

Signed, sealed in the presence of Nathaniel Drake (Seal)  
James Drake

Nash County

February Court, 1810

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of James Drake 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.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Mathew Drake Senior of Nash County and State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, ordain, publish, and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all others, in manner and form following to wit:

Imprimis: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mourning Drake one negro girl named Jinney with her increase (conveyed formerly by a verbal gift also two other negroes Reddick and Fanny, two cows and calves, one bed and furniture, one mare called Peacock, one hunting saddle and bridle, one walnut chest and also one negro woman named Sarah the whole delivered, and now in her possession, to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I lend to my daughter Martha Nailor Parker three hundred and twenty acres of land be it more or less lying on little swamp where John Badgood formerly lived, one hunting saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture, three cows and calves and two negroes Ausey and Sarah, for an during the term of her natural life and then to be equally divided amongst all my children. Provided nevertheless that should my daughter Martha, <sup>Nailor</sup> ~~Badgood~~ aforesaid have issue begotten of her body, then and in that case it is my will and desire that the said child or children after her death, shall possess a title in fee simple to all the property lent as aforesaid both real and personal to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Mathew Drake the land and plantation whereon I now dwell, containing by estimation two hundred and forty five acres, also part of another survey for four hundred acres, granted by the earl of Granville adjoining all that part lying on the south side of little creek and up said creek to the mouth of the Tan Trough Branch, thence up said branch to the public road, thence up said road to the south line this land is joining the major plantation, one negro man named Mathew, one boy named Sampson, One wench and child Lizette, the wench named Hannah, one horse called Damon, one saddle and bridle, one bed and furniture, one large bible, one dictionary and one shot gun to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Summer two negro boys named

Ben and Joe one bed and furniture, one hunting saddle and bridle one mare called Pigeon, also two cows and calves the whole delivered and now in her possession, to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Francis Drake six hundred and forty acres of land I purchased of Will Hooks, one negro man named Pompey and two boys, Moses and Bob, one Bed and furniture, three cows and calves, one small still, worm and cap, one bay mare called Randy Filley, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Collins, four hundred and forty four acres of land granted me by the state, adjoining the lines of Zion Beckwith, Burrell Beckwith and formerly Cooper Jones tract, the best black ~~frank~~ <sup>frank</sup>, one bed and furniture, one saddle and bridle, three cows and calves, one bay horse called Newel colt and three negroes, John Sam and Foreby, the whole delivered and now in her possession except the land to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Temperance / Drake all the balance of four hundred acres of land granted by the Earl of Granville as aforesaid lying on the north and partly on the south side of little creek. I mean all the balance of this tract after my son Mathew Drake shall have his courses run out as aforesaid, two negroes, Dilse and peter ~~one saddle and bridle, one trunk, one bay horse named Buck and D.W. Summers~~ note for forty three dollars and eight two cents, also Frances Drakes note for thirty dollars and eighteen cents, to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Dorothy Drake one hundred and fifty acres of land I purchased of John Williams, three negroes chansey, Harry and Charles, one bed and furniture, one saddle and bridle, one mare ~~called~~ <sup>called</sup> String Filley and fifty dollars also a note on Michael Collins for nine dollars, three cows and calves and one black trunk, to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son James Drake seven hundred acres of land that I purchased of Hardy Griffin, one negro boy named Isham, one named Jim and wench named Edy and child Lewis, one grey horse sterling, one bed and furniture, three cows and calves, one bridle and saddle and a british musket, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Nailor Parker a note on Caswell Drake for eight Dollars and seventy six cents.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son James Drake a note of hand on Caswell Drake for one hundred and four dollars to him and his heirs forever.

Item: All the rest and residue of my estate of whatever nature or kind soever, I leave to be sold, and after the payment of all my just debts, equally divided amongst all my children share and share alike, except with respect to my daughter Martha Nailor Parkers share, which said share my desire is that it should be kept on interest by my executor and the interest only paid over to my said daughter from time to time, so that she may regularly enjoy the profits arising from this part of her estate. But she

principally sum to depend upon the same circumstances, be under the same regulations and revert in the same manner as is prescribed in the second clause of my will respecting her land and negroes, etc.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Joseph Arrington Sen. John H. Drake, Michael Collins, Archibald Griffin and my son Mathew Drake executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set and affixed my hand and seal, this 7th day of January, 1807

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us.  
James Drury  
Lazarus Jones

Mathew Drake (Seal)

Nash County May court, 1810  
The foregoing will was duly proven by the oath of James Drury in open court 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.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Mathew Drake Sen. of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory but low in health do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby ratifying and confirming one former will made by me in the hand writing of John H. Drake one of my executors to the said will, but in order to refer more particularly to the will aforesaid (as this is only intended as an addition or part of the same,) it will be seen that in that instrument that Mathew Drake, Michael Collins, Joseph Arrington Sen., Archibald Griffin and John H. Drake are my executors and James Drury and Lazarus Jones were witnesses to the will and further more the said will was deposited for safe keeping in the hands of John H. Drake one of my executors aforesaid. Now as I mean no other alteration to the will alluded to as aforesaid, I do hereby constitute and appoint in addition to these already appointed, my son Francis Drake who may act in all respects as though he had been nominated and appointed at the first and do further more declare this to be part of my will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set and affixed my seal this second day of December Anno Domini 1809. witness James Drury. Mathew Drake Sen (Seal)

Nash County May court, 1810  
The foregoing codicil was proven in open court by the oath of James Drury 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.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.