

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 Joseph Vick of Nash County and State of North Carolina, being sick in body but of perfect mind and memory thank God for it, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

Item: My will and desire is that my executor pay all my just debts out of my estate.

Item: I lend all the ballance of my estate both real and personal to my loving wife Elizabeth Vick during her life her widowhood to raise and school my children in case she should marry, then and in that case my will and desire is that my wife Elizabeth Vick should have a child's part of my land during her natural life and at her death the land I lend to her to be equally divided amongst all my children that may be alive at her death, also in case she should marry, I then give and bequeath to my loving wife a child's part of all my perishable estate to her and her heirs forever. also my will and desire is that at her death or marriage that all the residue of my estate both real and personal may be equally divided amongst all my children that may be alive or their heirs lawfully begotten of their bodies, also I constitute and appoint my friends Edmund Barrow and Sam Westray my whole and sole executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of February, 1816

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us,
Reuben Harrell
Elizabeth Lines.

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

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In the Name of God Amen. I Mathew Drake of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do this 14th day of March in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following viz:

First: My will is that all my just debts be paid out of my estate.

Secondly: I give and bequeath to my Brother Jesse H. Drake after paying my debts as aforesaid the whole of my estate of every description to him and his heirs and assigns forever. I also appoint my said brother Jesse H. Drake the whole and sole executor to this my last will and

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testament making void all former wills by me made and declaring this only to be my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by the testator as his last will and testament in presence of us
Sam Smith
Taylor Thorn
Alexander Smith Jurat
Nash County

M Drake (Seal)

May Session 1816

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Samuel and Alexander Smith two subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.
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and is registered in obedience to the above order.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Berryman Bilbro of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being in perfect health of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same 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 that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul to the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent christian burial at the discretion of my executors 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 has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, first I give and bequeath to my daughter Betsey Hillsmons two children, William and Nancy, one negro man named Henry, my will is that the said negro to be sold when my grandson comes to be twenty one years of age and the money to be divided betwixt him and his sister Nancy to them and their heirs forever. also I give to my daughter Dianna McFarland one negro man called Solomon to her and her heirs forever also I give to my daughter Nancy White one negro girl called Charlotte and her increase to her and her heirs forever, also I give to my daughter Sally Bilbro one negro man called black James one mare called Diamond, bridle and saddle one bed and furniture one cow and calf, one sow and pigs to her and her heirs forever. also I give to my son William Bilbro three negroes Isaac, Phebe, and Jack and all my land on the north side of the whirlwind branch one mare called Bivey and her colt one cow and calf one sow and pigs three ewes and lambs my case and bottles and walnut table and one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever, also I lend to my beloved wife Betsey Bilbro all the remainder of my estate that I have not given away during her natural life or widowhood and after her death or marriage for it to be sold amongst all my children and the money to be divided among my last six children namely little Berry Bilbro, Thomas Bilbro, Rebecca Bilbro, Joseph Bilbro, Benjamin Bilbro and