

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of April, one thousand eight hundred and three.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged

in presence of  
the words (another increase) interlined  
before signing.  
John Nicholson  
Arthur Whitehead  
Mathew Drake

James Battle (Seal)

Nash County

November court, 1803

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oaths of John Nicholson and Arthur Whitehead 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 in page 170 and 171.

Wm Hall, C.C.

In the name of God Amen. I Mathew Johnson of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory make be to God for it therefore 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 in manner and form as follows to wit in presence.)  
Item: I lend to my beloved wife Mary Johnson one small trunk one large trunk one small black walnut chest one good feather bed and furniture three pewter plates one quart bason and one gallon bason and dish during her life or widowhood and after her death to my son Littlebury Johnson and also I lend to my beloved wife Mary Johnson the land and plantation whereon I now live containing six hundred and thirty one acres be the same more or less and all the rest of my property within doors and without, doors together during her life or widowhood and afterwards to be equally divided between her children lawfully begotten by her body I leave my negro fellow peter to be hired out six years my wife she must have the sixth part of his hire and the rest is to be equally divided between Stephen Johnson, Mathew Johnson, Henry Johnson, William Johnson and Littlebury Johnson after paying my debts and if my wife lives after the six years she must take him home to her self if she continues her widowhood and if she doth not continue her widowhood then to be sold with the rest of my property. Item: I do hereby make and appoint Thomas Stokes and Hardy Bridgen my sole executors of this my last will and testament here before made and ordained and do publish and pronounce this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed and published  
and pronounced this 17th day of  
July, 1811.

in the presence of us  
Test. Elisha Mason  
Polly Sanders

Mathew Johnson (Seal)

Nash County

May Term 1812

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

and is recorded in obedience to the above order.

Wm Hall, C.C.

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Lawrence of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being now of sound mind and disposing memory doth make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

Item: First I lend the use of the plantation whereon I now live and also the Rogers track of land to my beloved wife Nancy Lawrence during her natural life provided she my said wife shall decently maintain and educate my children but whenever my said wife shall fail to educate and maintain all my children untill each of them arrive of full age or marries, then my executors shall take charge of the Rogers Tract of land and may either sell it at private or public sale at their own discretion, or otherwise may rent the same out in either case it is for the maintenance and education of all my children untill they arrive of full age or marries, also it is my will and desire that my executors sell all my lands which lies in Cumberland county. N.C., and also that they sell the Richardson Tract of land both at their own discretion either at public or private sale all of which they will put to the best use for my children. also I lend to my said wife Nancy my negro woman named Kate, and also Anaky and both their further increase and Kates child named Reiney and her increase during her natural life all the rest of the negroes to be hired out by my executors for the use of the children also my will and desire is that my executors shall deliver to my said wife one loan as much of my perishable property, household and kitchen furniture as they may deem necessary for the maintenance of her and all my children under age and single during her natural life provided at any time should my executors see any waste in the property, perishable lent to my said wife or more property there shall actually be usefull and necessary for the support of the family as herein named, they may take such part as appears unnecessary and sell for the benefit of my children and also that my executors sell the residue of my estate not herein mentioned and after paying all my just debts divide the money arising from such sale equally among my children as they come of age or marry and further my will and desire is that at the death of my said wife all the lands, negroes, and every article of the estate as lent to my wife be sold and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided among my children as they come of age or marry. Item: and lastly I do nominate and appoint my friends David Bille, William Wheeler, Sen. and John Richardson executors to this my last will and testament. I the said Thomas Lawrence do hereby will and desire that Nancy Walker wife of Lemuel Walker shall draw as much of the estate of my mother as her mother was