

friend Cornelus Tayler executory of this my last will and testament signed, sealed in presence of us who were here present at the day and date first above written.

Daniel Tayler  
Cornelius Tayler  
his  
Richard x Deens  
mark

Jerimah<sup>his</sup> x Deens (Seal)  
mark

Nash County

November Term 1788

The within will was in open court duly proven by the oath of Cornelus Tayler and Richard Deens 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.

In The Name of God, Amen:

I, Micajah Thomas of Nash County in the State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit.

Imprimis: I resign my soul to almighty God who gave it me hoping and trusting that through the merits of his son Jesus Christ, it will enjoy eternal bliss in the kingdom of heaven and direct that my body may be decently buried in my own burying ground between the graves of my wife and sister and that my friends Nathan and William Beddie cause the same to be done and also to have my burying ground decently walled in with brick or plank 50 feet by 10.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my half brother Josiah Crudup one sorrell horse colt, raised at my plantation on Tar River near Capt. Samuel Bryant's and all my wearing cloths.

Item: I give unto my niece Mourning Arrington two negroes, viz. Dick and his wife Flora and their increase if any, four cows and calves ten head of sheep, one loom, four slays one feather bed and furniture, and a suit of mourning to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my niece Rheda Ricks one small negro girl named Vilet and her increase my bay horse I purchased at Newbern and a suit of mourning to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give unto my nieces Temperance Perry and Mary Perry each a suit of mourning.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my father-in-law Philomen Hawkins the following negroes, viz: Bett and two children Phillis & Alea and one other negro girl named Kitty which he has now in his possession and their increase to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Natural Daughter Mary Crawford a child of a late Elizabeth Crawford in Surry County in the State of Virginia all my land on the north side of Roanoke River in Northampton county which lands

I purchased of Samuel Cotton and the estate of Frederick Ruffin containing by estimation fifteen hundred acres with the following negroes viz: Cull Fanlittie, Jacob Mitchell, one eyed Dick, Cale, Lucy, Ned, Buts, Dick, Judg, Luke,, Rachel, Ferreba, Penny, and Abigail with their increase to her and the heirs of her body forever all my stock of cattle and hogs on that plantation with the farming tools and all the work horses that have been kept there for the use and service of said plantation provided never the less that if the said Mary Crawford should die before she marries and hath <sup>issue</sup> ~~issue~~ thereby then and in that case I give the said lands unto another of my daughter Margaret Thomas Jackson, a child of Ann Jackson to her and her heirs forever, but if ~~the~~ said Margaret Thomas Jackson should die before she marries and has issue thereby the land shall go to and be equally divided between the surviving two daughters of Anna Jackson viz. Mourning Thomas and Temperance Thomas Jackson and in case that either of them should die before they marry the land shall descend to the surviving one and her heirs forever and if the said Mary Crawford should die before she marries and has lawful issue all the negroes mentioned in this bequest with <sup>their</sup> increase shall go to and be equally divided between my children Mourning Thomas, Margaret Thomas and Temperance Thomas Jackson daughters of Ann Jackson to them and <sup>to</sup> ~~their~~ heirs of their bodies forever but in case of the death of either of these children the negroes shall fall to the survivors in the same manner of the land above mentioned to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give unto Ann Jackson the mother of my three daughters Mourning Thomas, Margaret Thomas and Temperance Thomas Jackson one <sup>8-11-11</sup> ~~of~~ horse colt, the first that my famous mare Stella brought, <sup>1-1-1</sup> ~~got~~ by ~~her~~ fifty pounds in money and a suit of black.

Item: My will and desire is and I hereby authorize and impower my worthy friends Nathan Boddie, William Boddie, Benjamin Hawkins and Shadrach Rutland to admit Ann Jackson the mother of my three daughters Mourning Thomas, Margaret Thomas and Temperance Thomas Jackson to live in my new house in the old field and to furnish her with as many servants and other necessities as will be sufficient for the support of herself and children out of the property given the three sisters Mourning Thomas, Margaret Thomas, and Temperance Thomas Jackson until the twin sisters Mourning Thomas and Margaret Thomas Jackson arrives at the age of eighteen years or marries. I further desire and direct that my said friends may see that my said daughter Mourning Thomas, Margaret Thomas and Temperance Thos Jackson have good education and brought up in a genteel manner at their discretion as to the panner and form.

Item: I give unto my daughter Mourning Thomas Jackson daughter of Ann Jackson all that part of my manner plantation lying on the north side of peach tree creek and all the different tracts of land adjoining <sup>thereunto</sup> ~~them~~ ~~into~~ beginning on the north side of said creek at Nathan Boddies line thence along his line

and Wm. Boddies line to James Weedaras line thence along Weedaras line to Richard Hollands line thence along Hollands line across Pigsbasket to David Evans line thence along Evans line to George Wimberlies line a corner thence along a line of marked trees) Julian Kings<sup>line</sup> towards pigsbasket creek to a corner ash thence along said Kings lines across pigsbasket to Jesse Thomas 's line thence along Jesse Thomas line to peach tree Creek thence up the various Courses of the said Creek to the first station supposed to contain about two thousand five hundred acres be the same more or less also one other tract of land lying on the north side of Tar River containing four hundred and twenty acres known by the name of the Kersy place also one other tract of land containing six hundred and forty acres on the western waters of this state being a soldiers warrant to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Thomas Jackson child of Ann Jackson all my lands in their several different tracts ~~being~~ lying between Peachtree Creek and Sappony Swamp including the court house wheddens and Reuben Whitfields places part of Barentines supposed to contain about three thousand acres bethe same more or less also one other tract of land lying on the head of pigsbasket Creek containing six hundred and forty acres including the cross ~~and~~ reads also one other tract of land containing six hundred and forty acres lying on the western waters of the state being a soldieres Warrant to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Temperance Thomas Jackson child of Ann Jackson all my lands on both sides of Tar River lying within the following lines viz: Samuel Bryant, Malphases Daniel Owens Julian Kings, Reuben William's, William Braswell, Joshua Stephens, Edward Pursell and Jehn Warrens lines to the first station containing about two thousand acres also another tract of land containing two thousand acres including all my lands between Henry Taylers, Robert Rogers Drury Alford Jesse Basses, Mathew Drakes, William Lindseys and Jehn Jene's lines the plantation known by the name of Harry's place also one other tract of land containing upward of eight hundred acres lying on the waters of the back swamp including all my lands within the following lines, viz: Thomas Hills (Franklin County) ~~to~~ Eohn Webb, Josiah Johnson, Massengals and Robert Rogers lines be these several tracts of land more or less also one other tract of land containing six hundred and forty acres lying on the <sup>western</sup> ~~eastern~~ waters of the State being a soldiers warrant to her and her heirs forever.

Item: My will and desire is that if either of my three children Mourning Thomas, Margaret Thomas and Temperance Thomas Jackson daughters of Ann Jackson should die before they marry the lands of the deceased shall go to the be equally divided between the surviving two and their heirs forever and in case two of the said children should die before they marry then the whole of their lands shall go to the surviving and her heirs forever and in case that all three of my children mourning Thomas, Margaret Thomas and Temperance



Thomas Jackson daughters of Ann Jackson should die before they marry then in that case it is my will and desire that all the lands willed to them should go <sup>and</sup> to be equally divided between Bennett Boddie, George Boddie, John Crudup and George Crudup to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto Julian King one tract of land containing upwards of two hundred acres adjoining said Kings lines Robert Braswells, David Evans and George Wimberleys lines to his corner, thence along a line of Marked trees made by said King and myself to a corner ash thence along another line of marked trees down pigbasket to his own line to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto Solomon Cotten five entrees of land of lying on the western waters of this state entered in John Armstrongs office in the name of William McDonald and Transferred by said McDonald to me containing one thousand acres each also two years boarding, cloathing and schooling to some skiful teacher also one dark bay horse colt got by old Elip<sup>s</sup> upon my famous mare Stella also my best saddle and bridle to him and his heirs forever.

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Item: I give and bequeath unto my Nephew George Boddie five thousand acres of land made in one entry lying on the waters of the Tennessee entered in John Armstrongs office in my own name to him and his heirs forever. *Item: I give and bequeath unto my nephew Bennett Boddie one grey mare got by Thomas Jones upon my favorite grey horse.*

Item: I give unto Jacob Butts a suit of good strong cloathing and one years board and schooling.

Item: And whereas my trusty servant old Peter has been very faithful in his duty, it is my will and desire that he should live on my manner plantation without interruption and have enjoy all the privileges of a free man forever and that he shall have the use and profit of his wife until a division of the other slaves hereafter named takes place shall further have the benefit of raising stock, and be allowed a sufficient quantity of ground to tend at the discretion of my executors and shall support and maintain himself and his wife and such of his children as are not able to earn their food and raiment.

Item: It is my will and desire that my blacksmith Lewis shall be allowed the use of his own shop and all the smiths tools thereunto

belonging that he shall have the privilege of getting and bringing coal wood on any part of my lands that are most convenient he shall also be intitled to the use and service of his wife the benefit of raising stock living on my plantation and cultivating lands at the discretion of my executors shall also have the use and service of his two sons, Phil and York on his paying into the hands of my exrs. the sum of fifty pounds annually untill a division of the slaves hereafter named takes place then if he shall have taught his two sons Phil and York the black smiths trade he shall be entitled to all the tools belonging to his own shop his own freedom and his wifes forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my three daughters Mourning Thomas, Temperance Thomas and Margaret Thomas Jackson daughters of Ann Jackson the following negroes with their increase viz: Guat, Abram, Dinah, China, Isaac, VinAs, Broomfield, Jim, Sylvia, Davie, Sam, Mindin, Jonas, Solipher, Simon, Fortune, Yellow, <sup>Nance</sup> ~~name~~ and her child Issabell, Will, Jesse, Joe, Amy, Nan, Hannah, Barbara, Milly, Phebe, Jacob, Addo, Daniel, Sawyer, sam, Jenny, Charles, Alick, ~~Nance~~, Etta, Venus, little Rose, Jenny, Winny, Claret, Kizzy, little Peter, Dorcas, London, Dell, Camden Beck, Cesar, Diby, Kitty, Moses, Pilneser, Grace, Ben, Phil, yerk, Ishmael, little Moll, Tony, Rose, Little Abram, Bayer, Jacob, Julius, and Cambridge, together with all my cash in hand, certificates, stock in trade, debts due by bond or otherwise all and every thing else of my estate real personal or mixed that is not heretofore by this my last will bequeathed to be equally divided between them when they the said mourning Thomas and Temperance, Margaret Thomas Jackson daughters of Ann Jackson arrive at the age of eighteen years or marry to them and the heirs of their bodies forever but if either of the said children Mourning Thomas, Margaret Thomas and Temperance Thomas Jackson should die before they arrive at the age of eighteen years or marries then and in that case my will and desire is that the estate of the one deceased should be equally divided between the surviving two to them and the heirs of their bodies forever and if two of the said children should die before they arrive at the age of eighteen years or marries then that the portions of the two deceased shall descend to the surviving one and the heirs of her body forever but if all my daughters Mourning Thomas, Margaret Thomas and Temperance Thomas Jackson daughters of Ann Jackson should die before they arrive at the age of eighteen years or marry and has issue thereby then the said negroes with their increase, money certificates, stock in trade and all other property which they are entitled to by this will shall go to and be equally divided between Bennett Boddie, George Boddie, Temperance and Mary Perry daughters of Nathan Boddie, Elizabeth Boddie, Mourning Boddie and my two niece Rhoda Ricks and Mourning Arrington to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I do hereby request and empower the exrs. of this my last

will to have the new house finished as soon as convenient for the reception of Ann Jackson and my three daughters Mourning Thomas, Margaret Thomas and Temperance Thomas Jackson also to have all the Mourning apparel purchased that is given away by the will and the several expenses arising therefrom to be paid out of the cash in hand which I have given unto my three daughters Mourning Thomas, Margaret Thomas and Temperance Thomas Jackson also all just debts and necessary expenses shall be paid out of the estate of my three daughters last mentioned /

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Nathan Boddie, William Boddie, Benjamin Hawkins, Shadrack Rutland, executors of this my last will and testament revoking and disannulling all wills heretofore by me made in testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this seventeenth day of May A. D. one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Eight.

Micaiah Thomas (Seal)

Signed, sealed, acknowledged  
in presence of Wilson Vick  
Samuel Westray  
Thaddeus Barnes  
Hardy Brown

Nash County .

November Term, 1788.

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Samuel Westray and Hardy Brown 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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In The Name of God, Amen, the 30th January, 1789 I James Bradley of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto 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 into the hands of almighty God that give it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection ~~and~~ shall receive the same again by the mighty power of god and as touching such worldly estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis:

I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved cousins the offsprings of Robert Rogers to be equally divided among them following articles viz: One hundred acres of land the land which I am now living on, Twenty eight head of hogs, three head of cattle and the fodder and about twenty barrels of corn and all my household furniture and moveable estate, which must be divided by Robert Rogers and Jacob Rogers the executors