

tors to dispose of either at public or private sale and if any remainder to be equally divided between my loving wife and all my children before named to pay my lawful debts before any division and I here appoint my three sons as before named in this claus to wit Deempsey William and John Executors of this my last will and testament allowing this and only this to be my last will and testament in witness where of I have set my hand and seal this twenty eight day of September in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

Signed, sealed, and published

in presents of

his

Wilson Taylor

John x Taylor (Seal)
mark.

Jacob Wheeler
his
Richard Dean
mark.

Nash County

May court, 1796

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Jacob Wheeler 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 Robert Vick of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being sick and weak of body yet of sound sence and memory thanks be to god for the same and 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 first and principally I give and reccommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it and my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned also what worldly estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I give demise bequeath and dispose after the following manner and form first of all my lawful debts to be paid.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Jacob Vick all the remainder of my estate both real and personal of every kind whatsoever to be and held and enjoyed by him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: And I hereby make and ordain my said son Jacob Vick executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Robert Vick have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this thirtyeth day of June and the year of our lord god one thousand seven hundred and ninety six signed, sealed and published in presents of

John Taylor

his
Robert x Vick (Seal)
mark.

Jeremiah Cremer.

Nash County

August, Court, 1796

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Nash County

August court 1796

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of John Taylor and Jeremiah Gremer two subscribing witnesses 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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The Nuncupative will of Hartwell Drake Deceased which is as follows to wit:

Imprimis. I give and bequeath to my first children viz: Frederick Goodman, Delphin, Thomas, and Archibald Davis and daughter Sally Ward and grand child Polley Davis daughters of ~~Oscar Drake~~ ^{Oscar Drake} deceased to each and every of them the sum of five shillings.

Item: I give and bequeath to my two sons John W Drake and Benj. Drake all the rest of my estate of every kind whatever to them and their heirs forever.

State of North Carolina, Nash County.

The above will was proved before us this 25th day of April, 1796 by the oaths of Wm Chloe Blanton and Silas Drake.

N.B. It is to be remembered that ~~Wm~~ ^{Wm} Blanton does not recollect the first item as it ~~and~~ ^{stands} in the will, but that the whole of the estate of every kind whatever was given to Jno. H. Drake and Benj. Drake.

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Nathan Boddie
Benjamin Boon.

Nash County.

August 1796

The foregoing will was proven before Nathan Boddie and Benjamin Boon esqrs. by the oath of Wm Chloe Blanton and Silas Drake 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 Henry Beckwith of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound and perfect memory (praised be God) do make this my last will and testament as followeth

Imprimis: I give and bequeath unto my son Amos Beckwith the plantation whereon I now live together with all the lands now in my possession to hold to him his heirs and assigns forever, also one large iron kettle

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Beckwith one bay horse.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Bollen Beckwith one four gallon iron pot and my will and desire is that my negro man nat be equally divided between my three sons namely Thomas Beckwith, Bollen Beckwith and Amos Beckwith as for the remainder of my estate both goods and chattels I desire at my decease be equally divided between these my children.