william Ricks, two subscribing witnesses theretoand on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest.Wm Hall, C.C. and is registered inobedience to the above order.

Attest.Wm Hall, C.C.

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In The "ame of God "men, I James Lee of the County of Nach and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and meany thanks be to God therefor calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner andform follows to wit in presence.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beleved wife Bersheba Lee one horse by the name of Jolly one bridle and saddle two cows and calves, one twicer old heifer one feather bed and bed stead and furniture, one chest and two dishes three begons and six plates and one set of tea cups and susers and one flax hackle and one flax wheel, one butter pot one fershead of geese and one loom and gear, and one flax wheel, candle said and fortchairs to she and her eirs forever also I lend to my beleved wife Berhubeba Lee the land and plantation whereon I now live and half my mill the state of widowhood.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son James Lee forty shillings to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Amy Herns heirs forty shillings to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Williams their heirs forty shillings to them and theirheirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeathto my daughter Fracy Tuckkers Heirs forty shillings to them and their heirs forever.

Hem: I give and bequeath to my son More Lee one hundred and twenty fore acres of land liging on the waters of toms creek the land that I had not for him and one negro bey by the name of Howell to him and heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Outen Lee the land whereon he now lives and one regro boy by the name of ben to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my son Larry Lee four hundred and twelve acres of land being in John County by the Same more or less and half my mill and one negro woman by the name of Dinar she and her increase and one horse, bridle and saddle two two year old heifers and three cows and calves that his brother in law has on stock one feather bed and furntiure two dishes three basons and four plates three speens one chest one pet and hooks, one iron pet rack one ewe and last one shot gum fore chairs and four head of geese and one weelen meet

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to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to daughter Polly Winbourn one negro boy by the name of Paceb one cow and calf to she and heir heirsforever.

Item: I give and bequeath to daughter Lucy King one negro garl child by the name of City she and her increase two hundred and thirtyone acres of land whereon she now lives to she and her heirs forever.

Items I are and bequeath to my daughter Gilly Mitchel fifty acres of land lying; on the waters of Tombs creek whereon she now lives one negro weman by thename of Chane, she and her increase, one few and calf, four of geese six earthen plates and two chairs to she and her heirs for ever, and all the remainder of my land I have not heretofore mentioned in wake to be equally divided between my three children where Lee, Claten Lee and Gilley Mitchell

Item: All the rest of my estate to be equally divided between my wife and six children Polly Winbourne, Moore Lee , Lucy King, Clayton Lee , Gilly Mitchell and Larry Lee I do hereby Memorate and appoint Hardy Pridgen and Moore Lee and David Winbourn my whole Exrs. of this my last will and testament and revoking all former wills and testaments heretofore made and ordained I do publish and pronounce this my last will and testament.

James Lee (Seal).

signed, sealed and published and pronounced this 23 day of February 1511. In the presence of us Tests William Hinton John Driver Jonathan Driver

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Nash County

May Tarm 1811

The foregoing will was duly proven nopen court by the oath of John and Jonathan Driver two subscribing witnesses thereto and modium ordered to be recorded.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest. WmHall, C. C.

InThe Name of God Amen.

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I Samuel Higgs of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory but low in health do make ordain, publish this my last willand testament hereby revoking all other in manner and form following.

viz: I give and bequeath to my son Nathan Higgs twenty dollars.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Whitera forty dollars.

Item: I give and bequeath to my my son Phillip Higgs one bed and furniture and twenty dollars.

Item: I give and bequeath to my soh Jonathan Higgs one horse colt bed

Item: I give and bequeathto my son John Higgs one mare, a ded and furniture. Item: I give and bequeath to my grand son Thomas J. Brady sixty dollars enchalf of it put to the use of scooling him theother to be paid to him at the age of twenty one years if should die with out an heir lawfully begotten of his body the legacy to be divided amongst my five sons Nathan Higgs, Samuel Higgs, Phillip Higgs , Jonathan Higgs and John Figgs, all my estate real and personal to be soldand equally divided among my five sons above named after paying my just debts and legacies out Item: I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Mathan and Samuel Higgs, my executors to thismy last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of May in tye year of our lard one thousand eight hundred and ten.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presents

Samuel Higgs (Seal)

27 zabeth Langley.

Nash County

Notember Term, 1810

The foregoing will was duly proved in open court by theoath of William Dozier and Henry Druery two subscribing witnesses therete and on motion ordered to be recorded. Attest .Wm Hall, C.C. and isregistered in obedience to the above order.

Attest, Wm Hallic.c.

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In The Hame of God Amen. I John Joiner of the County of Nash and State of North Carelina being weak in body but of perfect sound mind and sense memory and under standing do make this my last will andtestmment in form and manner to wit; I give my soul to almighty tool that give it and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned . Item: My desire is that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and then my worldly good to be divided in manner following Item: I give and bequeath to my dear and well beloved wife Elisabeth Joiner five barrels corn two feather beds and furniture one bay mare named Phillis one cow and yearling one sow and two pigs one small pet andheeks one dutch oven and hack one frying pan three cases knives and forks, and one pewter dish, two pewter basons five earthen plates, one chest one punch bowl one cream pot, one narrow ax one bread hoe one skillet one gridiorn six table sppons, one soup speen, one wolling wheel and pr. of cotton cards, one water pail , one washing tub three chairs , one table during her life or widowhood and after her death or marriage to be equably divided between my five children namely Jesse Joiner, John Joiner, Curtie Joiner, Elizabeth Langley and Elizabeth Jackson, I Give and bequeath to my two sons Jesse Joiner and Curtis Joiner all my working toels that belong to my shop to be equally divided between them and all

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and all the remaining part of my estate to be sold to pay my just debts and if their is any remainder over paying my debts that to be equally divided between my five children Jesse Joiner, John Joiner, Curtis Joiner, Elizabeth Langley and Elizabeth Jackson and I constitute and appoint my sons Jesse Joiner and Curtis Joiner Executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my handand sed, this twenty seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten. in presents of JohnxJoiner (Seal) mark.

William Langley Eleabeth Langley John Joiner will.

May court 1811

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of William ingley and a subscribing witness thereteand on motion ordered to be recorded. Attest ."m Hall . C. C.

and is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest. "m Hall.C.C.

InThe Name of God Amen. I Marcum Cooper of Nash County being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed by God)de this 30th day of August. in theyearof our Lord 1809 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say.

First: I Lend to my beloved wife Sarah Cooper my houses and plantation whereon I now live during her life or widowhood es far upthe awamp to the Stake fence including the stoney branch field, also three negros by the name of Frank and Egther his wife and her child Sampson, one feather bed and furniture four cows and calves, one horse of her own choice, two sows and riggs and two ewes and lambs also a sufficiency of provisions to support her and her family for one year also a ne cessary portion of household and kitchen furniture.

Items I give and bequeath to my sometinson Cooper two hundreds dollars to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath tomy son Hardy Cooper three hundred dollars to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I live and bequeatht my son David Cooperane hundred dollars to him and his heirs forever.

ItemL I give and bequeath to my daughter Rhoda Deams three hundred Dellars, enemegre girl named Ginny to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my John Cooper theland I purchased of Brimly Gandy bounded as follows beginning at the little swamp then by a line of marked trees to the fork of the stoney branch then by a line of marked tree te the big swamp above the worrel field containing by estimation five hundred acres, more or 19ss also one negro boy by the name of Ben to him and his heirs ferevers