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In The Name of God Amen, I Joseph Strickland, of Nash County & State of North Carolina, being in perfect health and sound memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following to wit, my soul I recommend unto the hands of god that gave it me; and as to my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a christian and decent manner at the discretion of my executors and as touching my worldly estate I give and bequeath in manner and form following.

In Primis: I will that my just debts and funeral charges be paid.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving grandson Marmaduke Mason the plantation whereon I now live containing one hundred acres be the same more or less to him and his heirs.

Item: I give and bequeath my dearly beloved son Jesse Strickland ten shillings.

Item: My will is that the remainder of my estate not by this bequeathed shall be equally divided amongst my son David and my Daughters, Patience, Mary and Elizabeth and my grandson Burwell Strickland to them and their heirs.

Item: I constitute and appoint my beloved sons David Strickland and Ralph Mason Executors of this my last will and testament and revoking and disanulling all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made and do publish and pronounce this and no other to be my last will and testament Signed, sealed, published and pronounced this the fourth day of March

Anno Domini 1779

In the presence of

his
Joseph x Strickland (Seal)
mark

Dun Lamon
Arch Lamon
Mary Lamon

Nash County

April court, 1781

The within will was in open court exhibited and duly proven by the oaths of Dun Lamon and Archibald Lamon two subscribing witnesses which is ordered to be registered.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.
and is registered " Wm Hall, C.C.

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In The Name of God, Amen, I Samuel Williams of the County of Edgecombe and Parish of St. Marys being of perfect mind and memory blessed be god, for it do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First: I recommend my soul into the hands of God hoping through the meritious death and passion of our lord and saviour Jesus Christ to receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as for what estate is hath pleased God to bless me with I give as followeth:

Inprimis:- I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Anne Williams part of that tract of land on the north side Fawr River that Joynearthur Allen and as far as Canadays old path to her, her heirs or assigns forever. I also lend her the use of one feather bed and furniture, one iron pot, ^{one} large trunk and four

four cows and calfs during of her life.

Item:- I give and bequeath to my son Philander Williams three negroes named Coff, Hester, Jude and Moses, One still and worm, one bed and furniture, twelve head of cattle all my horses and mares, one oval table all my lands not before mentioned to him and his heirs lawfully begotten and for want of such to the next of kin.

Item:- I give and bequeath to my daughter Delilah Pope one negro called Jockey and if every Culley be found I give him also to her and her heirs forever.

Item:- I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Williams five shillings sterling.

Item:- I give and bequeath to my daughter Charity Williams two negroes named Ben and Sarah also sixty pounds proc. money one bed and furniture and ten head of cattle to her and her heirs lawfully begotten.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Zelpah Williams three negroes named Tom, Dick and Phattimore also one bed and furniture ten head of cattle to her and her heirs lawfully begotten of her body and for want of such to the next of kin. ^{Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Susy Williams three negroes named Ben, Jumper & Jeffery also one bed and furniture ten head of cattle to her and her heirs lawfully begotten of her body and for want of such to the next of kin.}

Item:- I give and bequeath to Betty Cone sixty pounds proc. money also three cows and calfs to her and her heirs lawfully begotten of her body and for want of such to be equally divided between my children.

Item:- the remainder part of my estate be it what kind soever. I desire may be divided between my four children to wit, Philander, Charity, Zilpah and Sisley.

Item:- I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Philander Williams and Rowland Williams my full and sole executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal This 18 day of February 1773.

Signed, sealed, published and pronounced by the said Samuel Williams to be his last will and testament in presence of

Samuel Williams (Seal)

Edward Moore
Solomon Pope, Hardy Strickland.

Nash County

October court, 1781.

The within will was proved in open court by the oath of Edward Moore, Esq. and ordered to be recorded.

Test. ^{a. Amington D.C.C.} Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registered * Wm Hall, C.C.