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signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Solomon Edwards the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of ~~men~~ who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof;

W.D. Dortch
Charlotte Drum

State of North Carolina, Nash county court November session 1823.
The ~~will~~ last will and testament of Solomon Edwards was exhibited in open court and proven by the oath of William Dortch a subscribing witness thereto and on motion ordered to be made of record.

Attest. H.G. Blount, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto;

H.G. Blount, C.C.C.

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In the name of God Amen I Theophilus Grice, of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being weak in body but sound in mind and memory blessed be God for his goodness do this eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner following to wit: After my death and being buried and all my just debts is paid I lend to my wife Polly Grice during her lifetime or widowhood the home plantation and the Jacob law field and after including the said law field thence two and along the cross fence below the orchard to the ford of the continey creek at my old place all the lands adjoining above the said ford of the creek is allotted for her. I also lend my negro man Peter to her during her natural life or widowhood. I also give to her one negro man named Hardy and it is my desire that he be hired out and the money arising from his heirs to be applied to the support of my wife and her children that lives with her. I give her three cows and calves and twenty head of hogs such as she chooses out of my stock and five head of sheep and one bay mare called pridgeen. one plow frame two cutters hoes one ax one grubbing hoe, I lend to my wife, one pot one dutch oven one gridiron, one brilar during other natural life or widowhood I give her one bed and furniture one wheel and cards, one loom and gear one bridle and saddle one bunch table one pine table and six chairs one pale and pigen two tubs one case of knives and forks and one meal sifter, one bread tray I lend to my wife during her natural life or widowhood two pewter basons one dish six plates and six table spoons and one chest to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son John Grice the blumery land that is to say the lots bought of Brad Deberry and his wife and Irvin Hicks lying on both sides of the Blumery pond also another tract of land lying in the aforesaid county beginning at the ford of the creek about one hundred and

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fifty yards from the house at my old place on the Johnston line ~~the middle of said creek is the low corner on~~ thence down ~~said creek~~ thence with the ~~low~~ line Agreed line between Theophilus Grice and Christian Row unto the Raley Road to a corner pine thence west with the rode to nichols line thence south with nichols line to Theophilus Grices line thence east with his line until they get below the Jacob Row field and down the branch to the fork thence up the other branch nearly west to the head of said branch thence nearly south to the first beginning at the ford of continey Creek. to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son Thomas Grice all of my land lying in Johnston County except three acres lying at the mill called the Cobb Mill also I give him another tract of land lying in Nash County called the boykin land adjoining Jesse Simpson to him and his heirs forever. also all the balance of my land that is not willed away I leave to be sold at twelve months credit.

Item: I give to my daughter Salley Cook two negroes girls and their children that is now in their possession also one bed and furniture two cows and yearlings one desk one chest to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my sons and daughters that is to say John, Thomas, Rodey and Tempey, fifteen negroes to be equally divided between them that is to say, pris and her three children and Sal and her four children and darkie and her four children and all of their increase that shall come hereafter and one small girl named Morning to be divided at the time that my son John think proper to take his part of them to them and their heirs forever.

and it is my desire that all the rest of my negroes be sold at a twelve months credit namely Phillis, Phereby, Rodey Andy, patience, Fortin and child, Joy, Manne and her child Art, Jas, Mill, Zel.

Item: I give to my son John one feather bed and furniture and one desk one hoes bridle and saddle and one gun to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Rodey one bed and furniture one walnut folding table to her and her ~~sons~~ forever lawfully begotten by her body.

Item: I give to my daughter Tempey one feather bed and furniture one walnut folding table to her and her heirs forever lawfully begotten by her body.

Item: I give to my son Thomas Grice six hundred Dollars to be made out of my estate to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give to my daughter Salley Cook three hundred and thirty three dollars to her and her heirs and assigns forever. Item: I give to my daughter Rodey three hundred and thirty three dollars to her and her heirs forever. lawfully begotten by her body. Item: I give to my daughter Tempey three hundred and thirty three dollars to her and her heirs forever. lawfully begotten by her body and after my wifes decease or marriage I desire that all the

lent property which I have lent to her to sell and the money equally divided amongst my sons and daughters..

Item: I give to my wife Polly Grice one hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever and after all the legacies in said will I desire the Comities appointed to make equal divisions amongst all of my lawful heirs in the residue of my estate and I desire that the crop that is now planted be cared for with the hands that is now on it and after the crop is housed I desire a committee to be appointed to lay off one year provision for my wife and family and I also nominate and appoint Bartley Deans and my son John Grice my heirs, sole executors to take my last will and testament, whereof I Theophilus Grice have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Signed in the presence of us
and sealed in the presence of
J. T. Lyons,
James Deans

Theophilus Grice (Seal)

State of North Carolina

Nash county court of P & Q
sessions November Term, 1823

The foregoing last will and testament of Theophilus Grice was exhibited in open court and duly proven by the oath of John T. Lyons and James Deans subscribing witnesses thereto and motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest. H. G. Blount, C. C. C.

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The foregoing will of Mrs. Leah Hilliard deceased. Mrs. Hilliard died on the 20th October 1823. A few hours before she expired she called upon the undersigned two other sons and remarked as follows. "James and Carter when I die I want Robert Hilliard, Caroline Hilliard and William Hilliard to have a bed each and Leah to have my bureau and that every thing else be divided without a sale or without selling any thing." The undersigned understood the Leah mentioned by Mrs. Hilliard to be Leah the daughter of Carter Hilliard.

State of North Carolina
Nash county court P & Q November Term 1823.

The above nuncupative will of Mrs. Leah Hilliard deceased was duly proven in open court by the oaths of James Hilliard and Robert C. Hilliard and an motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest H. G. Blount, C. C. C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto.

H. G. Blount, C. C. C.

Item: First I give my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a christian like manner at the discretion of my executors. Item: I lend to loving wife Alsee Taylor all the land on the north side of the road except three acres adjoining the west end of the new house during her natural life and after her death. Item: I give and bequeath the same land to my son Arthur Dew Taylor to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give to my beloved wife Alsee Taylor one feather bed and furniture and one mare by the name of Tedy and two cows and calves and all the kitchen furniture and one loom and gear and two woolen wheels and one flax wheel to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Dewey Taylor three acres of land adjoining the new house and the west room of said house allso half of the land on the south side of road adjoining Ford Taylors land and one bed and furniture and one horse bridle and saddle by the name of Toppin one cow to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my son Henry Hines Taylor the other half of the land on the south side of the road adjoining the John Rice, one bed and furniture and one colt and the worth their of and one cow to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Wist Taylor one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Manney Taylor one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Litha Horn Taylor one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever. Item: I lend to Bartley Wells one colt by the name of Nelson to him and his heirs lawfully begotten by his body if no heir to return back to Henry Hines Taylor. Item: I give and bequeath to my loving wife Alsee Taylor one woman saddle one thousand pounds of pork and twenty five barrels of corn and one barron cow and three bushels of salt two hundred weight of cotton, twenty pounds of wool oneshot gun, six ewes and lambs two sows and pigs all the geese and chickens ten bushels of wheat, one barrel brandy to her and her heirs forever all the remainder of my estate to be sold and my lawfull debts paid and the balance to be equally divided between my wife Alsee Taylor and three daughters Sally Wist Taylor and Nancy Taylor and Litha Horn Taylor, I constitute and make my loving wife Alsee Taylor my sole and sole executor. I constitute and make this my last will and testament this 9th day of September, 1823.

Signed, in the presence of
D. Winstead
John Rice Jr.
Bewey Joiner, Junior

Arthur Taylor (Seal)

State of North Carolina, Nash county court of P & Q Session November Term 1823.

The foregoing last will and testament of Arthur Taylor was duly proven in open court by the oaths of David Winstead and John Rice Jr. subscribing witnesses thereto and motion ordered to be recorded.