

J. Nichols

Joseph Williamson Jr.
John Nichols.

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Nash County

May Term, 1797

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of J. Nichols 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.

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In The Name of God , Amen. I Thomas Deans of the State of North Carolina and Nash County being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to god for his mercy therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit.

Imprimis; I lend and bequeath to my loving wife Lida Deans the land and plantation whereon I now live containing three hundred acres also three negroes named Ben, Jack, and ^{Phillis} ~~Philis~~ also four cows and calves four ewes and lambs , four wethers four sows and twenty shoats one roan mair and sorrel horse and four plows and all the other gear two feather beds and furniture two pots and all my puter knives and forks , one pine chest six chairs one frying pan one pine table one pair of ^{iron} wedges one pair of cart wheels during his natural life or widowhood.

Item: After my wifes death or marriage I give and bequeath to my son John Deans the land and plantation whereon I now live containing three hundred acres and two negroes ben and Phillis four cows and calves four yows and lambs four wethers four sows and twenty Shoats one mair and horse ^{gear} ~~five~~ plows and other gear two feather beds and furniture two pots and all the puter knives and forks one pine chest six chairs and frying pan , one pine table one pair of iron wedges one pair of cart wheels to him or his heirs forever after the death or marriage of my wife.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son William Deans two hundred acres of land more or less where on he now lives lying on the south side of the long Branch and all therest of my property which he hath in his possession now and one note which I have against him to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elisabeth Deans one negro girl named Chary one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I leave all the remainder of my estate negroes horses, cattle and hogs and every other kind of property with in doors and without to be

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sold and after my just debts being paid for the remainder to be equally divided between my four daughters Nancy, Bowen, and Minah Bason and Mary Lewis, and Annas Joyner and all my notes and accounts which is due me to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I do hereby ~~re~~nominate and appoint Robert Creekmore sole and only Executor of this my last will and testament and relapsing all former wills and testaments heretofore made ordained and I do publish and pronounce this my last will and testaments signed, sealed and published and pronounced this twenty third day of April, 1797

In presents of us
William Bowers
his
Richard x Edens
mark.

Thomas Deans (Seal)

Nash County

May court, 1797

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of William Bowers and Richard Edens 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, I Newsom Jones of Nash County and State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis: (that is to say)

Item: I give and bequeath to my six children that is to say Mary Jones, Margaret Jones, Winney Jones, James Jones, Henry Jones and Catey Jones, each of them five shillings, Virginia money to them their heirs and assigns, forever.

Item: My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid and the remainder of my estate of what kind soever I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Catey Jones her heirs and assigns forever.

I do constitute and appoint my friend William Dozier executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven. Signed, sealed and

acknowledged in the presence of
Ann x Griffin

mark.
Bersheba x Griffin
mark.

James Hilliard.
Nash County

his
Newsom x Jones (Seal)
mark.

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August Court 1797

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath Beth sheba Griffin and James Hilliard 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.