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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of April, one thousand eight hundred and three.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged

in presence of
the words (another increase) interlined
before signing.
John Nicholson
Arthur Whitehead
Mathew Drake

James Battle (Seal)

Nash County

November court, 1803

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oaths of John Nicholson and Arthur Whitehead 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 in page 170 and 171.

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Wm Hall, C.C.

In the name of God Amen. I Mathew Johnson of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory make be to God for it therefore 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 in manner and form as follows to wit in presence.)
Item: I lend to my beloved wife Mary Johnson one small trunk one large trunk one small black walnut chest one good feather bed and furniture three pewter plates one quart bason and one gallon bason and dish during her life or widowhood and after her death to my son Littlebury Johnson and also I lend to my beloved wife Mary Johnson the land and plantation whereon I now live containing six hundred and thirty one acres be the same more or less and all the rest of my property within doors and without, doors together during her life or widowhood and afterwards to be equally divided between her children lawfully begotten by her body I leave my negro fellow peter to be hired out six years my wife she must have the sixth part of his hire and the rest is to be equally divided between Stephen Johnson, Mathew Johnson, Henry Johnson, William Johnson and Littlebury Johnson after paying my debts and if my wife lives after the six years she must take him home to her self if she continues her widowhood and if she doth not continue her widowhood then to be sold with the rest of my property. Item: I do hereby make and appoint Thomas Stokes and Hardy Bridgen my sole executors of this my last will and testament here before made and ordained and do publish and pronounce this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed and published
and pronounced this 17th day of
July, 1811.
in the presence of us
Test. Elisha Mason
Polly Sanders

Mathew Johnson (Seal)

Nash County

May Term 1812

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Sally Sanders, a witness thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded. Wm Hall, C.C.

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and is recorded in obedience to the above order.

Wm Hall, C.C.

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In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Lawrence of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being now of sound mind and disposing memory doth make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

Item: First I lend the use of the plantation whereon I now live and also the Rogers track of land to my beloved wife Nancy Lawrence during her natural life provided she my said wife shall decently maintain and educate my children but whenever my said wife shall fail to educate and maintain all my children untill each of them arrive of full age or marries, then my executors shall take charge of the Rogers Tract of land and may either sell it at private or public sale at their own discretion, or otherwise may rent the same out in either case it is for the maintenance and education of all my children untill they arrive of full age or marries, also it is my will and desire that my executors sell all my lands which lies in Cumberland county. N.C., and also that they sell the Richardson Tract of land both at their own discretion either at public or private sale all of which they will put to the best use for my children. also I lend to my said wife Nancy my negro woman named Kate, and also Anaky and both their further increase and Kates child named Reiney and her increase during her natural life all the rest of the negroes to be hired out by my executors for the use of the children also my will and desire is that my executors shall deliver to my said wife one loan as much of my perishable property, household and kitchen furniture as they may deem necessary for the maintenance of her and all my children under age and single during her natural life provided at any time should my executors see any waste in the property, perishable lent to my said wife or more property there shall actually be usefull and necessary for the support of the family as herein named, they may take such part as appears unnecessary and sell for the benefit of my children and also that my executors sell the residue of my estate not herein mentioned and after paying all my just debts divide the money arising from such sale equally among my children as they come of age or marry and further my will and desire is that at the death of my said wife all the lands, negroes, and every article of the estate as lent to my wife be sold and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided among my children as they come of age or marry. Item: and lastly I do nominate and appoint my friends David Bille, William Wheeler, Sen. and John Richardson executors to this my last will and testament. I the said Thomas Lawrence do hereby will and desire that Nancy Walker wife of Lemuel Walker shall draw as much of the estate of my mother as her mother was

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was entitled to so far as my part of her mother part (if any). Inev-
dence whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 19th
day of March One thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of
B.T. Brogden, Jurat
E. Edwards.

Thomas Lawrence (Seal)

Nash County

November term 1813

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Edward
T. Brogden and Edwin Edwards a subscribing witness thereto and
A.M.R. at Feb. court 1814 the foregoing will
was further proven by the oath of Edwin Wm Hall, C.C.
and is recorded in obedience to the above order.

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Wm Hall, C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I William Wright of the County of Nash and State
of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but in perfect mind and
memory blessed be God do this twenty seventh day of April in the year of
our Lord 1812 and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing
it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last
will and testament in manner and form following. First of all I recom-
mend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it and my body to the earth
to be buried in a christianlike and decent manner, at the discretion of
my executors and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased
God to bless me with in this life I give and bequeath as follows to wit:
Item: I lend to my beloved wife Cloey Wright my mannerplantation includ-
ing all my lands purchased of Absolum and Abraham Sauls The Wyatts and
Cooper tracts with one acre purchased of Henry Freeman for a mill seat
to her for and during her natural life and at her death I give and bequeath
the above mentioned land with the several tracts therein contained to my
youngest daughter Elizabeth Taylor to her and the heirs of her body for-
ever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Bersheba Culpepper one tract
of land that I purchased of Henry Whitehead containing five hundred and
sixty nine and one half acres to her and the heirs of her body forever.
My will and desire is that all the rest of my estate be it of what kind
it may with a tract of land known by the name of Menton place be sold at
public sale at six months credit by my executors and the money arising
therefrom with all my cash in hand bonds, notes and accounts be divided
unto six shares to be distributed as herein after directed first my
beloved wife Cloey Wright one share, my son John Wright, one share, my
son William Wright one share, my daughter Bersheba Culpepper one share,
my daughter Elizabeth Taylor one share, my two grand sons Alpheous
Wright Powell and William Wright Powell, one share but my aforesaid
children John Wright, William Wright, John Culpepper and Bersheba
his wife, Jesse Taylor and Elizabeth his wife Return an inventory of
all the property or money given them by me on oath to the best of the

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their knowledge, land excepted, with the value there of which sums
shall be added to the general account or to the amount of sales
and shall be set apart as so much paid to wards their shares,
And the property given Lazarus Powell the father of my two gran-
sons is supposed by me to be of the value of one thousand dollars
which sum is to be added as above and be so much towards the pay-
ment of the one share given to my before mentioned grandsons.

My desire is that the amount of the estate now given to my grand-
son be equally divided between the two and if either of the said
children should die before they arrive of lawfull age of disposing
of the same the estate given shall descend to the surviving one
and in case they both should die before they arrive to lawfull
age then my will is that the estate given them fall to the heirs
before mentioned as if not given them at all, and I hereby make and
ordain my friend William Arrington my son William Wright and my son-
in law Jesse Taylor executors of this my last will and testament in
witness whereof I the said William Wright have here unto set my hand
to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and
year above written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said William Wright the
testator as his last will and testament in presents of us who were
present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

John Hilliard
James Manning Jurat

Nash County February Term 1814

The foregoing will was exhibited in open court for probate and
proven by the oath of John Hilliard and James Manning two subscribing
witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registered in obedience to the above order.

Wm Hall, C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Priscilla Thorp of Nash County and State of
North Carolina being weak of body but of sound and disposing mind
and memory do this second day of November one thousand eight hundred
and fourteen make and publish this my last will and testament in
manner and form following that is to say:
First: I give and bequeath to my son James Thorp all of my land lying
on the south side of the public road joining the river to him and
his heirs forever. Also I give and bequeath to my sons Ansel Thorp
and Henry Thorpe all the land lying on the north side of said road,
being the place whereon I now live to be equally divided between them
both, to them and their heirs forever. and secondly I direct that