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in year of our lord one thousand Seven hundred and eighty eight.

Signed in the presence of us
his

JehnxSmedley
mark.

her
Martha x Smedley
mark

Cherry x Powell
Nash County

her
Elizabeth xCulpepper (Seal)
mark.

May court, 1789.

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Jehn Smedley 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.

Attest: Wm Hall, C.C.

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IN The Name of God, Amen. The 6th day of January in the year of our Lord 1789. I Thomas Lewis of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being sick and weak in body, but of a perfect mind and memory thanks be to god for the same, and 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, that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recomend my soul into the hands of god that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of god, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following, that is to say. in the first place I will that all my lawful debts be paid and funeral expences at the discretion of my executors hereafter named.

in the first place I give and bequeath to my well beloved son George Lewis the sum of forty pounds current money of the State to be raised, and levied out of my estate at the discretion of my executor within the term of five years after my death.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Bryant one negre woman named Lucy that she has already in possession.

Item: That I leave all the rest of my estate in the care of my well beloved wife Lyda Lewis for the term of five years for the use of raising the children and after the term of five years are expired, my will is that my executor hereafter named devide the estate equally between my well beloved wife Lyda Lewis and my son Abner Lewis Nicholson Lewis, Martha Lewis, John Lewis, Thomas Lewis, and Nancey Lewis.

Item: That I appoint Edward Nicholson to be my whole and sole executor to this my last will and testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disanull all and every other former testament wills and decrees

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bequests and executors by me in any ways before this time named willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and pronounced in the presents of

Thos Carter
his
Benjamin xBryant
mark.
his
MathewxWhitfield
mark.

his
Thomas x Lewis (Seal)
mark.

Nash County.

May Term, 1789

The foregoing will was in open court duly proven by the oath of Benj. Bryant 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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Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

In The Name of God, Amen the 24 of October, 1788, I, Lydia Nicholson of the County of Nash and state of North Carolina, being old weak and knowing that it is appointed for all to die, do make and desire this as my last will and testament in manner and form following

First and principally, I recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors whom I shall hereafter appoint, and as for what worldly goods it hath pleased God to endow me with, after my debts and funeral charges be first paid and discharged I dispose of the same, in manner and form following.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah Nicholson, one negro woman named Pol to him and his heirs forever after my death.

Likewise I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah Nicholson all the remainder of my estate after my just debts is paid to him and his heirs forever after my death.

I constitute and appoint Josiah Nicholson my whole and soul executor of this my last will and testament, signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of

Benj. Joyner
Lazarus Whitehead
her
MaryxWhitfield
mark.
Nash County

her
Lydia x Nicholson (Seal)
mark.

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Feb'y Court, 1789

The foregoing will was in open court duly proven by the oath of Benj. Joyner a subscribing witness thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.

and is recorded in obedience to the above order.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.