

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Griffin five shillings to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Valentine five shillings ~~and~~ to her ^{heir} heirs ~~and assigns~~ forever.

My will and desire is that my wife and my children that remain single at my decease may have the use of the plantation during the time they live single and the rest of my estate to be equally divided between my daughters Julien Turner and my daughter Nanny Turner and my daughter Elizabeth Turner and my son James Turner and my two grandsons Lazarus Turner and John Valentine after my decease.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my wife Ann Turner and my son James Turner to execute this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty eight.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presents of

his

us

Jamesx Turner (Seal)
mark.

Alanson Powell

John Powell

Nash County

February Term 1796

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Alanson Powell 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. I William Braswell, sen of Nash County and State of North Carolina, being well in health and of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to almighty God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for man 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 recommend my soul into the hands of almighty god and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent christian like manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same 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 and bequeath in the manner and form following:

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin thirty pounds virginia money to be raised out of my estate to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son William all my land on the south side Tarr River to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son John two hundred and eighty six acres of land lying on the north side Tar River beginning at a hickory and maple on the said river thence North 48 degrees W to Tanners line including all my land below the said line to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I lend to my loving wife ~~Milly~~ the plantation whereon I now live and all the land belonging thereto that I have not disposed of and one negro ~~woman~~ named Jack and one negro boy named Pompy and one negro girl named Grizzy and all ^{the rest} ~~there is~~ of my moveable estate to her during her natural life.

Item: After the decease of my wife, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Courtney one negro boy named Pompy and one half of the land that I lent to my wife to her and her heirs forever.

Item: After the decease of my wife, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Toppin one negro girl named Grizy and the other half of my land that I lent to my wife to her and her heirs forever.

Item: After the decease of my wife I give and bequeath unto my sons William and John and my daughters Sarah, ^{Milly} Elizabeth, Penelope, Rhoda, Cloe, Leah Piety and Barsheby one negro man named Jackson, still and all the rest of my moveable estate that I have not all ready given away to them and their heirs forever. To be sold amongst themselves and the money equally divided amongst them all;

Lastly I constitute, make and ordain my worthy friends Benjamin Mannen Solomon Batchelor and Benjamin Williams, Exrs. to this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannull all other former wills legacies and exrs. and bequests by me before named willed or bequeath 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, this second day of April, 1794. Signed, sealed, published and declared.

by said William Braswell as his last will and testament.

James Moore

William Braswell (Seal)

his
Joseph x Ritchison

mark.
her
Judah x Moore

mark.
Nash County

May Court, 1796

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of James Moore 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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Stephen Wells and Joel Bunn make the oath that Absolom Wells who departed this life sometime in January 1795 made his nuncupative will as follows to wit: I wish Stephen wells should settle my business. and my wish is that my brother Redman Wells should have my horse, saddle bridle and saddle bags and my ~~cow~~

Joel Bunn

his

Stephen x Wells

Nash County May court 1796

mark

The foregoing will was duly proven and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest, Wm Hall, C.C.

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In The Name of God. Amen. I John Taylor of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body yet of sound sense 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 first and principally I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as to what worldly estate it hath pleased god to bless me with I give demise bequeath and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First of all my lawfull debts to be paid.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving son Dempsey Taylor the tract or parcel of land whereon he now lives and one negro girl named Chery and the stock of all kinds that he has of mine in his possession at this time and one roan horse one bridle and saddle that he had in hispossession when he left me to him and his heirs for ever.

Item : I give and bequeath to my loving son William Taylor the tract of land and plantation whereon he now lives and one negro wench named sall and the stock all kinds that he has of mine in his possession at this time and three head of ewes to be taken from the manner plantation and one sorrel horse that he had in his possession when he left me to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to loving son John Taylor part of the land that I purchased of Robert Vick beginning on the Bogg Branch at the first creek of said branch that makes above the mouth of said branch from thence a straight course to the upper corner of the new ground fence and to continue along the said fence to the other corner and from that to the swamp Hill on or near a straight course as before mentioned all the said land that I hold on each side of the swamp above the said line containing part of two tracts one negro girl named Jenna and the stock of cattle ~~he~~ hogs and sheep that he has in his care on the said land and one cow and calf to be taken from the manner plantation one whitehorse called Brandy one bridle and saddle that he has now in his possession to him and his