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and half my mill during her life or widowhood and at the expiration of her life or widowhood the whole of my land to go to my son Lodrick F. Ellin and his heirs forever..

Item: I give and bequeath to my grand son Howell F. Ellin Williams a certain negro girl named Olive to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Williams one negro girl named Rose and one negro boy by the name of Harry to her and her heirs forever.

I em: I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Ricks, one negro boy named Cudger to her and her heirs forever and also all my live stock now on her plantation (two cows and calves excepted) which I give to my son Lodrick F. Ellin and I also lend to my beloved wife all my negroes not already willed and desire is that at the expiration of the life or widowhood of my wife all the rest of my estate be equally divided between my four children to wit Lodrick F. Ellin, Elizabeth F. Ellin, Nancy F. Ellin and Temperance F. Ellin, except my still land that to be divided between James Williams and my son Lodrick F. Ellin and I hereby make and ordain my son Lodrick F. Ellin and James Williams executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Howell F. Ellin have to the same set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed published and declared in the presence of us who

Howell Ellin (Seal)

were present at the time of the signing and sealing hereof  
Demsey Braswell  
Hines Drake  
Archibald Braswell

Nash County

November court, 1805

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Demsey and Archibald Braswell 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.

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In The Name of God Amen, I William Bridgers of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina do constitute and this my last will and testament.

Item: I give and bequeath to my dear loving wife Elizabeth Bridgers all my lands and plantations on the south side of swift creek during her natural life and then the said lands and plantation to be equally divided between my two sons John Bridgers and Henry Bridgers, I also give unto my loving wife one negro man named Phill and one negro woman named Grace during her natural life and then the said negroes Phill and Grace to be equally divided among all my children I also give unto my loving wife during her natural life two feather beds and steeds and furniture.

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one still, and twelve Hogs heads of the first choice four cows and calfs of the first choice, two sows and pigs of the same choice six ewes and lambs the same choice, one Press and furniture and one desk one bottle case, one walnut table and one small blue table, one mare called Flag, one saddle and Bridle and one barrell of Brandy two pots one dutch oven, one yoke of oxen and cart six chairs, one griddle two dishes, five basons, one case knives, and forks one pail and piggins one churn, one churn four plow hoes, two weeding hoes, two axes, one handsaw, one drawing knife two augurs, one chisel, and fifty barrels of corn and twelve geese and after the death of my wife the above mentioned property to be equally divided among all my children. I also give unto my loving wife one horse bridle and saddle and one feather bed and furniture, it being the property given by her father to her, as a singular legacy which property my said wife shall be at liberty to dispose of as she thinks proper.

Item: I also give and bequeath unto my son John Bridgers, one negro woman named Jinny and one boy named David, one bed and furniture two cows and calfs four head of sheep and ten pounds virginia money and the same boy David to be continued with my wife on the manner plantation until the said John shall be twentyone years of age.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Bridgers, one negro boy by the name of Will and one girl by the name of Silvey, one balck horse one bridle and saddle all twelve dollars prices, one bed and furniture two cows and calfs, four head of sheep and ten pounds Vcurrency and my will and desire is that said property of Henry continue with his said mother until he shall be twenty one years old and that the said Henry be sufficiently clothed and have three years schooling from the profits arising from the legacies, and plantations given unto him and his mother and that he be continued with his mother on the manner plantation under the guardianship of his mother, and John Drake and Mica Bridgers.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Sam Bridgers my old former plantation lying on the north side of Swift creek and all my lands adjoining thereto and twenty dollars in money and one negro man by the name of Ned.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Penny Drake, one hundred dollars. My will and desire is that my old negro man Pompey continue with my wife Elizabeth Bridgers and if she die first for him the said Pompey to be sufficiently maintained out of the legacies given unto her as long as he shall live.

I also desire that all the rest of my property in hand and the property arising from the will of Abraham Bass be sold and that all my just debts be paid and the ballance to be equally divided among all my children after my son Micaiah Bridgers having one hundred dollars for his service for settling my business, I also appoint my wife Elizabeth Bridgers and son Micaiah Bridgers

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my executors to this my will this 22nd day of September, 1804

In the presence of us

Benja. Bridgers  
William Rose.

his  
William xBridgers (Seal)  
mark.

her  
Elizabeth xBridgers (Seal)  
mark.

Nash County

November court, 1805

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Benja. Bridgers and William Rose 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.

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In The Name of God Amen I John Evins of Nash County and State of North Carolina being weak of body but in perfect mind and memory blessed be God, do this twenty fifth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

First; I lend to my beloved wife Ann Evins one third of my land that lies above the road during her natural life and at her death to go to my son Isaac as hereafter directed. I also give and bequeath to my said wife, one negro man named Charles, one cow and calf, one work steer one barren cow thirteen head of hogs two head of sheep, one feather bed and furniture and all my part of the crop and fifty dollars in money to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son Sherrod Evins two silver dollars in money to be held and enjoyed by him and his heirs for ever.

Item: I give to my son George Evins one negro girl charity one bay horse that he had now in possession fifty silver dollars in money, one cow and calf one barren cow and heifer two head of sheep, one rifle gun on chest, one feather bed and furniture, to be held and enjoyed by him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son Abraham Evins all my lands lying below the road adjoining Burwell Joiners land two silver Dollars in money to be held and enjoyed by him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son Isaac Evins all my lands lying above the road two thirds to be his at my death and the other third at the death of my wife, Ann evins one grey mare two cows and calves, two head of sheep one feather bed and furniture and one saddle and bridle to be held and enjoyed by him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Tempy Winstaed two silver dollars in money to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Ann Evins one negro woman named Dilce one negro boy named Lewis son of Dilce one Balck mare one hunting saddle one