

**Will, NC, Nash, Joseph Strickland 1779**

In the name of God, Amen.

I, **JOSEPH STRICKLAND**, of Nash County & state of North Carolina, being in perfect health and sound memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit, my soul I recommend unto the hands of God that gave it me; and as to my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian and decent manner at the discretion of my executors and as touching my worldly estate I give and bequeath in manner and form following.

IMPRIMIS: I will that my just debts and funeral charges be paid.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving Grandson **MARMADUKE MASON** the plantation whereon I now live containing one hundred acres, be the same, more less, to him and his heirs.

ITEM: I give and bequeath my dearly beloved son **JESSE STRICKLAND** ten shillings.

ITEM: My will is that the remainder of my estate no by this bequeathed shall be equally divided amongst my son **DAVID [STRICKLAND]** and my daughters **PATIENCE [STRICKLAND]**, **MARY [STRICKLAND]** and **ELIZABETH [STRICKLAND]** and my grandson **BURWELL STRICKLAND**, to them and their heirs.

ITEM: I constitute and appoint my beloved sons **DAVID STRICKLAND** and **RALPH MASON** executors of this my last will and testament, revoking and disannulling all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made and do publish and pronounce this and no other to be my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed and pronounced this fourth day of March, Anno Domini 1779.

**JOSEPH STRICKLAND** {seal, his x mark}

In the presence of

**DUN LAMON**  
**ARCH LAMON**  
**MARY LAMON**

Nash County

April court 1781

The within will was in open court exhibited and duly proven by the oaths of **DUN LAMON** and **ARCHIBALD LAMON**, two subscribing witnesses which is ordered to be registered.

Attest

**WILLIAM HALL, CC**

and is registered

**WILLIAM HALL, CC**

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