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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.

In Primis: 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 or 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 not by this bequeathed shall be equally divided amongst my son David and my Daughters, Patience, Mary and Elizabeth 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 and revoking and disanulling 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, published and pronounced this the fourth day of March

Anno Domini 1779

In the presence of

Dun Lamon  
Arch Lamon  
Mary Lamon

Nash County

his  
Joseph x Strickland (Seal)  
mark

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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 Wm Hall, C.C.  
and is registered " Wm Hall, C.C.

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In The Name of God, Amen, I Samuel Williams of the County of Edgecombe and Parish of St. Marys being of perfect mind and memory blessed be god, for it do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following . . .

First: I recommend my soul into the hands of God hoping through the meritorious death and passion of our lord and saviour Jesus Christ to receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as for what estate is bath pleased God to bless me with I give as followeth:

Inprimis:- I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Anne Williams part of that tract of land on the north side Tawr River that Joyns Arthur Allen and as far as Canadays old path to her, her heirs or assigns forever. I also lend her the use of one feather bed and furniture, one iron pot, <sup>one</sup> large trunk and four