

In the Name of God Amen

I, David Taylor of the County of Bladen
Planter being in tolerable health of body and of
sound and disposing mind memory and
understanding do make this my last will
and Testament in manner and form following

1st It is my desire that whatever debts I owe at
my death to be paid with as little delay as
possible and if my Exors. hereafter named should
think it necessary they are authorized to
sell any part or the whole of my stock of
Cattle Hogs, and Plantation tools for the purpose
of paying the said debts.

2nd I desire to my wife Catherine Taylor during
her life the plantation where I now live in-
cluding the house.

3rd I give and bequeath to my wife Catherine Taylor
a negro woman by the name of Priscy, a boy by
the name of Governor, a girl by the name of
Lennie, the big Bay Horse, one Bed and furniture
and one third of the Cattle and Hogs.

To have and to hold the aforesaid Property to
the said Catherine during her life only, and
after her death the same to be divided equally
among my heirs.

4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Catherine
wife of James ^{Cromarty} a negro man by the name of
'Billy' a negro boy by the name of Abram and
a girl by the name of Malsey, to have and to hold
the aforesaid slaves to the said Catherine her
heirs Executors or Administrators for ever.

5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Marian
wife of Duncan McKeehan a negro woman by
name of Ahloe and her two children, Sally and
Matilda, to have the said man and her heirs
Executors or Administrators for ever.

6th I give and bequeath to Duncan Patterson son
of Arch and Mary Patterson a negro boy by the
name of John, to have his heirs Executors or
Administrators for ever.

7th I give and bequeath to Catherine Pattersons daughter
of Arch and Mary Patterson a negro boy by the
name of Tom, to have his heirs Executors or ad-
ministrators for ever.

8th I give and bequeath Emily Patterson and the dau-
ghter of the aforesaid Arch and Mary a negro girl
by the name of 'Phiza' to have her heirs Executors or
Administrators for ever.

9th I give and bequeath to David Patterson son of Arch
Patterson and Mary Patterson a negro woman by the
name of 'Cec' and her two children, to have and
to hold the said slaves to have the said Davids
heirs Executors or Administrators for ever.

10th I give and bequeath to my son Duncan Taylor
a negro boy by the name of 'Gabriel' to have his
heirs Executors or Administrators for ever.

11th I give and devise to my son Duncan the
plantation where I live consisting of two tracts
of One hundred acres each, also one other tract
of forty seven acres, and one fourth part of five
hundred and perhaps odd, acres, to have and
to hold the said several parcels of land to
the said Duncan his heirs and assigns for ever.

11th I give and bequeath to my daughter Marian
fifty Dollars to be paid her in Household furniture
and Cattle, at a fair valuation to be fixed by my
Executor Jas. Cromarty.

12th As to the residue of my personal estate not here
in before bequeathed it is my will that the
same be sold by my Executor at public auction
either for Cash or on credit, and the proceeds of said
sale be equally divided among my children.

13th I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my friends
Jas. Cromarty and Duncan McKeehan Executors of this
my last will and Testament hereby revoking and
making void, all and every other will or wills at any
time hitherto by me made, and declare this to
be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I
the said David Taylor have hereunto set my
hand and seal the first day of November
the year of Our Lord 1730.

Signed Sealed Declared
and Published by the
above named Daniel
Taylor and for his
last Will and Testament
In the presence of us which
he requested and in this
presence have subscribed
Our names as witnesses thereto

Jas. I. McKay }
K. M^o Leake }
Ch. M^o Leake }

Daniel Taylor seal

In the name of God Amen
I John Singletary of the County of Bladen
and State of North Carolina being in perfect
mind and memory do make this my last
Will and Testament in manner following
that is to say.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Deborah Singletary the whole of my estate
both real and personal, whatsoever during her
life and I give my said wife one half of all
my movable property to dispose of as she may
think proper to whomsoever she please and
after the death of my wife I give to my niece
Kessiah Hester the other half of my movable
property to her her heirs and assigns forever.

I give and devise to my two nephews, Joseph
Singletary and John S. Wilson son of Georges
all my land on the North East side of the North
West River, to be equally divided between them
and that Joseph Singletary have the first choice
of said land, and if John S. Wilson should die
without an heir it is my will and desire that
his part of said land should go to John Deukham

Singletary son of John Singletary as above.
I give and devise to Thomas Deukham nephew of my
wife all my lands where I now live after the
death of my wife, to him and his heirs and assigns
forever, but if the said Thomas Deukham should
die without an heir lands will be to him to go as above
to John Deukham Singletary.

And it is my will and desire that Joseph Sing-
letary may have the use of or privilege of tending
the upper price of the High and Low land, where he
now lives while he stays in it.
And lastly I do appoint my beloved wife Deborah
Singletary Sole Executrix to this my last will and
Testament.

In witness whereof I have signed sealed and acknowledged
this to be my last will and Testament.

In presence of
Wm Johnson } August 19th 1826. John Singletary seal
Robt Avery }
Thos Deukham }

In the name of God Amen
I Matthew Bridgus of the State of North Carolina
Bladen County, being in perfect mind and memory
thanks be given unto God, having into mind the
mortality of my body, and knowing that it is ap-
pointed for all men once to die, do make and or-
dain this my last will and Testament.

That is to say principally and first of all I give and
recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty
God, and my body I recommend it to the earth
to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the
discretion of my Executors nothing doubting
at the Resurrection I shall receive the same
by the Almighty Power of God and