

In the Name of God Amen I James Taylor of the Parish of Limestone County
of Charlotte and state of Virginia Planter being very sick and weak in body
but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to almighty God for it, and
knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, sometimes sooner than my
best Will and Testament in manner aforesaid follows, that is to say I do
will to God who gave it me in hopes of his blessed acceptance of the same and
my body to the said from whence it originated wife and last wife of
a general recitation of all else at the said day abandoned such worldly
substance the Lord Jesus Christ spares to bestow upon me health and length of
as follows. In witness, I will and bequeath to the ~~Episcopal~~^{for} Church of
Episcopal Church the meeting House with one acre of Land on which it stands
with the free use and liberty of the spring. Item I will and bequeath to my
Negro woman Anna shall be free on the first of January one thousand eight
hundred and thirty nine that my Negro boy Daniel shall be free in the
year one thousand eight hundred and nine. Item also will it is that part
of my stocks such as my Executors shall think proper may be sold, for the use of
schooling my Children, and that all the rest of my Estate both real and personal
be kept together to support my Children, until the youngest may become
of age; at which time my will is, that the whole of my Estate both real
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of age, at which time my will is, that the whole of my Estate both real
and personal, be equally divided among all my Children, that is now
impaired, one being my two Daughters Mary Budding and Eliza both still
equal with the others, without they have had from my Will or that all my
sons, Nathan Taftley, Robert Thomas, John Oldham, and Oliver Taftley have
each of them a house as they come of age, which is my desire that there be no
Appraisement of my Estates, and I do hereby constitute and appoint, John
Taftley, David M'Call Miller and David Hammock Executors of this my last
Will and Testament, leaving nothing to young children in this regard, I have
written out my hand and affixed my seal this 2^d day of November in the
year one thousand seven hundred and forty one
Signed sealed published and declared by me James Taftley d. 1.
and Oliver John Taftley, Oliver Taftley

As a last will & testament of me James Taftley 1741.

The last will & testament of James Taftley Esq. was made in
and by John Taftley and Oliver Taftley Esq. in the year one thousand

and the same was signed by the hands of James Edwards, John Edwards
and William Farley and ordered to be recorded, on the motion of
the said Esq:ton who made oath according to law, certifying he
presented them for obtaining a writ of habeas corpus from
they going directly whencefrom they together with William Woods
at the present time in the State of North Carolina, and
the said Esq:ton entered into and obtained a bond from him
to secure his release for that purpose

Teste Thomas Read Esq:

Had at a court held for the said County of Charlotte the 2^d day of October 1792
names Hammon the other Esq:ton herein named, to witness the further
Execution of the P. Writ
Teste John Read

True Recd

Thomas Read Esq:

In the Name of God Amen This Twenty second day of
Decembe in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
Ninety one I Abiel Read of Charlotte County being sick and weak
in body but of sound mind memory and willing to mind the
mortality of my body after my decease this my last will Testament
manner and so on following tract I give and bequeath all the land
I hold lying on the Juniper branches to my wife Mrs. Abiel Read