

In the name of God amen. Thus say the humble third day of January on a thousand seven hundred and seventy two, I James Taylor of Cumberland county and the parish of Southwold being in perfect mind and memory, thanksgiving to God, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body, & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die; do make this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first, I shall give and bequeath my soul into the hands of God, that gave it unto me; as for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but I hope at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God that gave it unto me, & bestowing such worldly estate as hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this life I give and bequeath in the following manner & form.

Imprimis I bequeath my well beloved wife & her father John Hughes of Lincoln county, & my friend William Fleming my executors.

Item I leave to my well beloved wife Elizabeth Taylor the use of all my land & plantations, during her widowhood, or at least untill my son James Taylor come to the age of twenty one, then for him to dispose where he good mother wife Taylor now lives, all that tract or parcel of land to be equally divided between James Taylor and Tazgston Taylor, his brother, I give to them & their heirs lawfully begotten of their bodies forever, but if either of them should die without such heir, I give the same to the other, & if they both should die without such heir, I desire it should go to the youngest brother of theirs then living, & the heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever; & if they all should die without such heir, I desire it should go the right heirs at law, to them & their heirs lawfully begotten of their bodies forever.

Item I give my son Clement Taylor, the land & plantation where Duncan Robertson now lives; to him & his heirs forever; to say & dispose of it as he shall think proper; but if he should think fit to part from it; I desire he would give his brother James Taylor the reversion of it, the said James Taylor paying the said brother Clement Taylor fifty pounds current money for the same.

Item I give to my son John Taylor, the two hundred acres of land the same being more or less by reason of Cumberland county, I give to him with the plantation on it after his mother Elizabeth Taylor's death; to him & his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever; & if he should die without such issue, I desire it should go to his brother Hughes Taylor & his heirs forever; & if they both should die without such issue I desire it should go to the right heirs at law, to them & their heirs lawfully begotten of their bodies forever.

Item I give to my daughter Martha Taylor, the piece of land which her grand father John Taylor did bequeath to her in his last will & testament &

in the same manner & form as her grandfather gave it to her, & to the same
 times that is mentioned in his will. Then I define the sum of my goods & my real estate, goods & furniture; stocks of
 all kinds, may be sold at the discretion of my executors to pay & cond discharge
 all my lawfull debts if any there, and the rest of the money to be equally divi
 ded among my three younger sons & my first daughter, viz, that is to say
 Hughes Taylor; Samuel Taylor; William Taylor; & Elizabeth Taylor; Clement
 Taylor; having but a small parcel of land; I desire he should have parts
 of the said estate, for his forty acres of land to be made up as much as his
 other three younger brethren & sister legacy shall amount to.
 Then I define my estate may not be brought to a question nor impeached.
 Then I do hereby revoke & disannul all other former wills & testaments, in
 tifying & confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.
 In witness whereunto I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year
 first above written.

Signed sealed in the presence of us
 Wm Taylor
 Robert Taylor
 Betty Taylor

James Taylor L. S.

At a court held for Cumberland county 23rd day of August 1773.

This last will & testament of James Taylor deceased was proved by William
 Taylor and Robert Taylor two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded
 whereupon John Hughes and William Fleming the executors therein na
 med refused to take upon themselves the burthen and execution thereof
 and on the motion of Elizabeth Taylor the executrix therein named who
 made oath according to law certificate is granted her for obtaining a
 probat thereof in due form giving security whereupon she with John
 Hughes her security entered into and acknowledged bond according to law.

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Test

Thompson Swann Clerk

In obedience to an order of Cumberland court We the subscribers being first
 duly sworn have appraised the personal estate of Joseph Hill decd?

in current money as follows.

1 bay horse d. 12. and 1 white d. d. 5.	L. 17. 0. 0
1 bay d. d. 2. & 1 bay col. d. 5. & 1 black d. d. 6.	13. 0. 0
1 bay d. d. 7. & some more d. 15. & 1 bay d. d. 2. 10	25. 10. 0
1 bay mare d. 6. and 1 bay horse d. 6.	12. -
19 hogs d. 5. 14. 0 and 9 pigs 18/	6. 12. 0
7 ewes & 4 lambs d. 2. 10/ & 2 goats d. 1	3. 18. 0
7 cows d. 12. 5. 0 and 1 cow & calf d. 2.	14. 5