

cannot the 10th day of July 1786 and ordered to be recorded

Teste John Brown Clk. cov.

Goodwyn
Taylors will

In the Name of God Amen January 23. 1786

I Goodwyn Taylor of the County of Wm'nsburg being very weak and low in health, but of a perfect sense & sound memory do call to mind & remember that it is appointed for all men once to die - I therefore do appoint this for my last will testament in the manner and form following - First of all I do take thought of my precious soul that immortal part which I recommend in to the hands of god. And as for my frail body to be committed to the mother dust from whence it was originated. In a decent like manner at the decrepion of my executors here after named - my further will and desire is that all my just debts may be paid by my executors out

of the money that shall be raised by the sale that I shall hereafter
advise - Item I lend to my loving wife Amy Taylor the Tracts
of Land and the use of the plantation I now live upon and all
the plantation Extensols to her during her natural life also one
Negroe woman call'd Cale one Negroe man named Adam & a
Negroe woman named Lucy one Negroe man named Emanuel
and a Negroe boy named Bob and all my stock of Hogs & Sheep
Wheats & cattle except Ten beavers if so many I also lend unto
my said loving wife Amy Taylor during her natural life
one good feather Bed & furniture and one Bay Horse called
Buck & a Black mare call'd Boll & a Young Bay colt to her
service during her natural life - Item I give & bequeath to
my loving Daughter Sarah Dorch one Negroe girl named
Nanny and her increase to her & her heirs forever - Item I
give and bequeath to my loving Daughter Martha Taylor
one Negroe woman named Juda and all her future I

to her and her heirs forever - I then I give and bequeath
unto my loving Daughter Polly Jones Taylor one Negro
boy named Joe to her and her heirs forever - I then I give
and bequeath unto my loving Daughter Betsey Taylor one
Negroe Girl named delptha and all her future Increase to her
and her heirs forever - I then I give and bequeath unto my
loving Daughter Susannah Taylor two Negroe boys (to wit)
James and George to her and her heirs forever - I then I
give and bequeath unto my loving Daughter Nancy Taylor
one Negroe Girl named Anica & her increase to her and her
heirs forever - I then I give and bequeath unto my three
younger children Goodwyn, John, and Penelope Taylor
at my wife's death the following Negroes that I lent unto
my said wife (to wit) one Negroe named Adam one Negroe
woman named Lucy and all her future Increase one Negroe
named Emanuel and a Negroe boy named A

rest of my Negroes and their increase that I have not Advised
(except a Negroe woman named Kate) to be equally divided
amongst my said three younger children at my said wifes
death and if either of my children should die before they be of
age or marry then the part be longing to that; to be equally
divided amongst all my surviving children or their representa-
tives at the death of my said wife - Item I give & bequeath
unto my two sons Goodwyn & John Taylor after the death of my
said wife, the Tract of Land whereon I now live to be equally
divided between them to them and their Heirs forever -
Item the Negroe woman by the name of Kate and all her
future increase that I have lent unto my wife I desire at her
death to be sold together with all my personal estate except
Negroes that I have before divided and the money arising
therefrom to be equally divided among all my children & I

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representatives. Item the ten acres that I have before Excepted
together with the rest an residue of my Estate that I have not before
bequeathed I appoint to be sold and the money arising therefrom
to pay all my debts — my further will and desire is that the Negroes
given to my children shall stay upon the plantation till they
finish the ensuing crop which is to pay my debts and all the
money that is raised by the sale that's over and above paying
my debt together with my other becs that I have not given away
I give and bequeath unto my said loving wife Amy Taylor
to dispose of as she thinks proper — And last of all appoint
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Executors of this my last will and testament. In Witness
whereof I have here unto set my hand & seal this: the day date

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above written.

Signed and Acknowledged
In the presence of

Lucas Sullivan

John Gordon

Josiah Floyd

Goodwyn Taylor 

At a court for Mecklenburg County the 9th day of October 1782

This will was proved by the Oaths of Lucas Sullivan John Gordon & Josiah Floyd Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be

recorded and on the motion of James Taylor and Abel Dorch the executors therein named who made Oath thereto and together with William Taylor and Nathaniel Mays their securities entered into acknowledged their bond in the penalty of two Thousand pounds conditioned as the law directs Certificate was granted them for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form