

Charles Taylor & me

Isiah Baker's In the name of God, Amen, I Isiah Baker of the County  
Hill. of Montgomery and State of Virginia being weak in body  
but of in due sense of mind and memory doth make certain  
and constitute my last will and Testament in  
form and manner following, to wit, To my beloved wife  
I leave and bequeath after my lawful debts are paid  
what are but few and none of magnitude out of  
the money due to me the whole of my personal estate  
with my dwelling house during her natural life

and after her death the whole might & land and saddle to  
each of my two sons Thomas and Josiah Baker to divide to  
my four daughters Rhoda Baker, Mary Baker, Peggy Baker  
and Betty Baker equally each one of my daughters to  
receive their parts at a sufficient age or as they may marry  
and in case that one or more should die without heirs  
or heirs at law the property equally divided between the sur-  
viving sisters and in case they all should die without heirs  
then to be equally divided between my two sons Thomas  
and Josiah I also will to my son Thomas my tract of  
land in Wythe County and to my son Josiah my tract  
or plantation whereon I now live (after my wife's decease)  
to them and their heirs likewise the whole of my property now

in the hands of a small number of persons, to be equally  
and in case one of them should die without heirs the  
survivors shall have the whole of the land and of all  
any time, any of my negroes should become obstinate and  
disobedient my executor or executors may do with them  
as they may think most advantageous and lastly I will  
that my children be educated in a decent manner  
if my estate be sufficient. I remain a friend and con-  
fide my beloved wife Mary Baker Gordon to be  
my executor to this my last Will and Testament and  
I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & ten

Witness my hand and seal of  
Joseph & Montgomery  
James & Robert  
James & William

Joseph Baker

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at Montgomery ~~March~~ <sup>March</sup> 1815. This last will  
and Testament of Josiah Baker died was  
presented in Court, and proven by the oath of  
Joseph Montgomery a witness thereto and  
continued for further proof - And Montgomery  
March Court 1816 The said Will was further  
proven by the oath of James Barwick a third  
Witness thereto, and is directed to be Recorded.  
And on the motion of Mary Baker the Executrix  
therein named <sup>Montgomery County Wills, Deeds, Estates, No. 1809, 1817</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> the Executor  
therein named having refused to act who  
made Oath thereto as the Law directs, and  
with Security entered into and acknowledged  
their Oath conditioned as the Law directs  
A Certificate is granted her for obtaining  
a Probate thereof in due form.

Witness Charles Sugden