

by the said Testator to his last Will
and Testament in presence of us...
William Nimmo, William Happer
Jr: Hutchings, Char: Smith.

John Taylor Clerk

Norfolk County On a Court held the 10th day of February 1744/5
The last Will and Testament of John Taylor Clerk deceased was this day
proved by the Oaths of the Aes: Cha: Smith Mr William Nimmo &
Doct: William Happer and the Executors therein named having
taken the Oath and given Bond & Security according to Law, Certificate
for Probate is granted them on the said Will.

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In the Name of God Amen I Richard Meare of the County of
Norfolk Virg: being sick and weak in Body but of perfect and sound Mind
and Memory Thanks be given to Almighty God and calling to mind
the Mortality of this life and that it is appointed for all Men once
to die Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the
following Form and Manner Viz: First & principally I recom-

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My soul into the hands of Almighty God nothing doubting but
through the merits of my dear Jesus Christ to receive Forgiveness
and Remission of all my sins past, to inherit eternal life &
as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow
upon me I do give, devise and bestow in form & manner following
Item After my funeral Charges and all my lawfull Debts are paid &
discharged I do give and bequeath unto Daughter Mary Taylor
five shillings sterling.

I give & bequeath unto my Brother Tho: Myer thirty pounds lawfull
to purchase a Negro for his own use and behoof and after his Decease
I give the said Negro to his son Joshua Myer his heirs &c.
Item I give unto Mary Cook Widow now my housekeeper my Plantation
whereon I now live and also my still for and during the Term &
space of Eighteen years if she live so long. Likewise I give unto
her said Mary Cook three Negroes viz: Dick, Hannah, & Sam now
in my possession for and during the above said Term of Eighteen
years if she the said Mary live so long. Provided that she the said Mary
Cook shall and doth well and carefully keep in good Order & repair all my
House, Orchard, Clear Grounds, Pastures &c. for and during the above
Term of years according to the direction and approvement of my Executors
hereafter named. Likewise I give unto the said Mary Cook &c.

term of years according to the direction and appointment of my Execut^r
hereafter named I likewise give unto the said Mary Sues half the increase
of the Negro girl Hannah above said which she doth bear within the
space of Eighteen years and after her decease one half by her part
to be equally divided between her son Charles Sues & her Daughter
Mary Williams &c. and the other half her increase to return to the
Estate as hereafter disposed of be. I likewise give unto the said Mary
Sues five Pistols and Guineas and one Gold Ring to purchase a horse
for her own proper use &c. I likewise give and bequeath unto the said
Mary Sues all that Estate which I redeemed for her according to the
appraisement of her deed Husband Timothy Sues during her life &
afterward to her son Charles Sues and her Daughter Mary Williams
Also give unto the said Mary Sues one Iron Cott bespotted Rugg.
And my Will is that my other three Negroes viz. Peter, Jimmy, & Duke be
hired out yearly for the space of Eighteen years & their amount of
Wages to be put to usury if it can and the rest and residue of my
moveable Estate to be delivered upon Oath by the aforesaid Mary
Sues and appraised sold at publick sale and the said Money to be also
put to usury &c. Furthermore my Will and purpose is that if my
Daughter Mary Taylor shall have issue of her Body lawfully begotten
that then my Land and Negroes given to Mary Sues with half of the
increase of the Negro Hannah and the other half

Estate as hereafter disposed of be: & likewise give unto the said Mary
Joel five Pistols and Guinea and one Gold Ring to purchase a horse
for her own proper use be: & likewise give and bequeath unto the said
Mary Joel all that Estate which I redeemed for her according to the
appraisement of her dear Husband Timothy Joel during her life &
afterward to her son Charles Joel and her Daughter Mary Williams
I also give unto the said Mary Joel one Iron Cott spotted Rugg.
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Daughter Mary Taylor shall have ~~issue~~ ^{any} of her Body lawfully begotten
that then my Land and Negroes given to Mary Joel with half of the
increase of the Negro Hannah and the other three Negroes hired
out and the amount of their Wages principal & interest also the
Money that shall be raised by sale of my Estate principal & inter-
est and my Will after the space and Term of Eighteen years is
expired shall return to the my Daughters Child or Children to be
equally divided among them and for want of such heir or heirs

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The above named Estate and Benefits I give and bequeath unto Joshua Mear
Son of my Brother Thomas Mear. Furthermore I do make constitute
and appoint my loving Brother Tho: Mear my sole Executor of this my
Last Will and Testament allowing him to be my last Will and no other
disannulling and making void all former Will and Wills by me made
declared &c. In Witness whereof I the above: Richard Mear have here
unto sett my hand and seal this 2: day of September in the year of our
Lord 1744. — — — — —

As I give unto the above said Mary Six and hundred Buck: for and
out of the crop here growing

Signed, sealed, & delivered,
Published, pronounced &
declared in presence of
us the Subscribers

his
Richard R Mear Seal
marks

Richard Harris, Tho: T Deane.

Norfolk County At a Court held the 15: day of March 1744/5.
The last Will and Testament of Richard Mear was this day proved by the
Oaths of Richard Harris and Tho: Deane and the Executor therein nam
ed having taken the Oath and given Bond & Security according to
the Statute in that behalf made.

Subscribed at
Tulsa, Okla. 1st

Norfolk County. Lydia Butt and Presilla Butt of the said County being of full age with that sometime about the middle or towards the last of October one thousand seven hundred and forty four these Deponents with they and each of them did hear their now deceased Brother Arthur Butt say unto his Brother Robert Butt saying if I should die before you meaning when speaking to the said Robert you shall have my share of the land I have in the said land and if you die before me you must leave my share of the land which was agreed on by the two Brothers the said Arthur & the said Robert and afterwards on the fifth day of November then following the said Arthur Butt was drowned as these Deponents have been informed. But at the time the gifts and covenants were made and agreed on between the two Brothers Arthur & Robert they and each of them were in sound memory and further saith not. - Lydia ^{her} Butt
Presilla ^{mark} Butt

January the 30th day 1745 Personally came before me Lydia Butt and Presilla Butt and made Oath that the above instrument of writing by them subscribed too is the truth & nothing but the truth to the best of their knowledge and Remembrance.
W. D. Corlock

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Pereilla ^{her} Butt

January the 30th day 1744th Personally came before me Lydia Butt and
Pereilla Butt and made Oath that the above instrument of writing
by them subscribed too is the truth & nothing but the truth to the best
of their Knowledge and Remembrance. Will. Corlock

Norfolk County the Court held the 10th day of March 1745. Administration
with the noncupated Will annexed is granted unto Butt on his Oath: And
Est. of the said 4 Legates in the said Will mentioned refuse to take upon himself
the said Administration but upon the said 4 Legates entered into Bond giving security to
the said Court to see that the said 4 Legates do not