

Wm Taylor  
Wife &  
Exors

In the Name of God Amen I William Taylor Senior of  
Rockbridge County and State of Virginia am sick in Body but  
perfect mind and memory yet knowing the uncertain state  
of this Transitory life & that it is appointed for all Men  
to die I therefore make this my last will and Testament  
First of all I give and Recommend my soul unto the hands  
of Almighty God that gave it and my Body I Commit  
to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like  
manner not doubting that at the General Resurrection  
I shall receive the same again, and as for all my worldly  
goods, which I possess and enjoy I give, devise, and bequeath  
in manner following First allow my Funeral Expenses, then  
all other debts to be carefully and Justly paid and of the  
Residue I give and bequeath unto my beloved sons John Taylor

and William Taylor the Plantation. I now live on containing  
seven hundred and thirty one acres more or less to be then  
divid<sup>d</sup> viz. one third to John Taylor and the other two thirds  
to William Taylor, with whom (the s<sup>d</sup> William Taylor) I allow  
beloved wife Ruthy Taylor to live and remain during life,  
or as long as she pleases, or remains in her widowhood, but  
if she should incline to marry and leave William Taylor she  
shall then be entitled to eight pounds yearly to be paid  
the Estate and at her death the s<sup>d</sup> eight pounds to be paid  
John Taylor and W<sup>m</sup> Taylor, and the land to be equally  
divided between them share and share alike I give and  
bequeath unto my beloved wife Ruthy Taylor our hall  
with every necessary furniture belonging thereto together  
with the household furniture kitchen utensils &c. one pair  
(the s<sup>d</sup> Ruthy Taylor) I also leave unto my

Daughters Polly Taylor, Peggy Taylor, and Betsey Taylor to each, one feather bed and furniture and two Milch Cows to be furnished with them of the premises but if the s<sup>o</sup> proves deficient on the premises the defalcation to be made up by the s<sup>o</sup> William Taylor I do also leave unto each of the s<sup>o</sup> three Girls one horse, bridle and saddle Value thirty three pounds a piece, to be given by the above John and W<sup>m</sup> Taylor I do also leave unto my beloved son Andrew Taylor one horse Bridle and saddle Value thirty three pounds and one hundred dollars in cash, that is when he arrives to the years of the majority, but being a minor of about ten years, the above John and William Taylor shall continue him at school till he's fifteen or sixteen years old at which period they shall bind him out to any Trade

he choses to incline to. I do also leave unto my beloved Daugh-  
ter Sarah Elliot Two Dollars, and as for the <sup>three</sup> horses now on the prem-  
ises Viz the Gray horse the prince horse and the young Mare  
to remain the sole property of the S<sup>r</sup> William Taylor. I do also  
appoint constitute and Ordain my beloved wife Ruthy Taylor  
Jointly with my son John Taylor to be my sole Executors  
of this my last will and Testament, utterly Revoking disannul-  
ling all former wills and Bequeaths, heretofore by me made,  
Ratifying and confirming this my only last will and  
Testament In Witness whereof I have herunto set my hand  
and affixed my seal this eighth day of August and in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred Seven

(There are to be the witnesses)

William Taylor



Signed sealed published  
pronounced and declared in  
the presence of us  
Isaac Cowan

James Cunningham

Henry <sup>lung</sup> Cole  
mark

At Rockbridge December court 1807

The last will and testament of William Taylor deceased was produced in court - proved by the oath of two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded; and on the motion of Ruthy Taylor & John Taylor the executors therein named, who made oath according to law certificate is granted them for obtaining probate thereof in due form they having together with Joshua Hicks Daniel Taylor their securities entered into and acknowledged bond in the sum of \$3000 conditioned according to law

Teste

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