

sound or otherwise, and I hereby make and ordain my true friend John Gaubert Scull and my son Ebenezer Allen, of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I said Drury Allen have to this my last will and testament my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

D. Allen *(signed)*

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Drury Allen, the Testator, as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing the same.

Benjamin Powell

Isaac Bordeaux

The within Will of Drury Allen was registered in the Clerk's Office in Book A. pages 13, 14, 15. by

John Guins, Clerk

Recorded agreeably to an Act of Genl. Assembly, Special Session, Ratified Feb'y 1st, 1908. Copied from Old Records, Book A. p. 13, 14, 15.

December the 30, in the year of our Lord, 1781, I, being in health and weak in body, and not able to write, but still being perfect and proper senses, I now call Sarah Roberson and John Jones, as witnesses, that I, John Varnow, do make this my last will and testament. To William Jones, I give and bequeath unto my son Lucy Jones, a negro boy called Jacko. in the like manner I give and bequeath unto my friend Sarah Roberson a negro girl called Kate and twenty five bushels grain yearly. I give and bequeath unto William Jones, a negro boy called William and two hundred and fifty acres of land that is in dispute in Bladen County. I give and bequeath unto my aunt Henrietta White, a negro girl called Rachel, I give and bequeath unto my mother all the rest of negroes during her life and then to be equally divided between my brother William Varnow his children, his son William and Susannah, and the use of the rest of my land to my mother to raise and educate the said two children at her death, or at said Varnow's son William being of age it shall fall to the above mentioned Varnow's son William Varnow.

Bladen County, April Term 1798.

The above written was brought into court by Lucy Jones and proved by the oath of William Jones to be a copy of the same as this of John Varnow deceased, and as such to be registered.

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In the name of God. Amen! I, Henry Taylor, of Brunswick County and State of North Carolina, Planter, being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thank be given unto God, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. that is to say, first, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, who gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a decent and christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again at the General Resurrection by the mighty power of God - and as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner & form. Infirmities, I give to my dear, beloved wife, Mary Taylor, all and singular my goods and chattels, lands and tenements, by her to be fully possessed and enjoyed during her natural life or widowhood, and at the end of that period to be equally divided amongst all my children, male and female, and if my wife should chance to marry, then in that case for her to have an equal share with the children. And I do further constitute and ordain my friend John Green sole Executor, and my wife, Mary Taylor, sole Executrix to this my last will and testament and do further revoke and disannul all other Wills, Legacies, or Bequests whatsoever by me given or made.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the said Henry Taylor to be his last will and testament in the presence of us this 10th day of Jan'y 1799
Test. Jo. Reason,
Saml. Taylor.

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