

life or widowhood

10th. I give and bequeath to my son William Hardesty one thousand dollars in cash and also to my son John Hardesty two hundred fifty dollars in cash. And if there should be any more on hand after all debts and expenses paid I wish it to be equally divided between William Hardesty and Washington J. Hardesty.

11th. And I hereby make and ordain two sons William and Washington executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Burton Hardesty have to this my will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year herein written.

Burton Hardesty

signed sealed and declared by Burton Hardesty the testator as his will and testament, in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

Jacob Taylor

Rufus W. Bell

Gideon C. Bell

Signed 13th. of May 1861.

Carters County Court. November Term 1865

The foregoing will is exhibited for probate in open Court and the execution thereof by Burton Hardesty the testator proved by the oath and examination of Rufus W. Bell and Gideon C. Bell, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. The same is considered by the Court to be the last will and testament of the said Burton Hardesty, and is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Thereupon William Hardesty, one of the executors therein named, duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

Geo. Rumley

Whereas I, Isaac Taylor of the State of North Carolina and Craven County, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory (blessed be it might God for the same) do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:

First, I give and devise unto my two sons, Alexander H. Taylor and Isaac Taylor my two plantations to be equally divided between them at their request, one in Craven County on the West side of Long Creek, and south side of Run River and the other in Carter County on the East side of Harlow's Creek, to have and to hold their heirs and assigns forever.

I further give and bequeath unto my four daughters viz: Maria Taylor Sarah Ann Taylor Margaret Taylor and Susan Taylor a maidenhood estate in the house on the above named plantation on Harlow's Creek, that is to say my dwelling house for a home for them during their maidenhood.

I give and bequeath unto my eldest son Alexander H. Taylor one negro boy by the name of Sam to have and to hold his heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Isaac Taylor one negro boy by the name of David to have and to hold his heirs and assigns forever.

I also give and bequeath to my three oldest daughters one negro woman by the name of Pleasant to have and to hold their heirs and assigns forever.

I also give and bequeath unto the said three daughters viz: Maria Taylor Sarah Ann Taylor and Margaret Taylor three hundred dollars to make them equal with my sons, that is to say to make the negro woman equal in value with the two negro boys.

I give and bequeath unto my youngest daughter Susan Taylor one Negro girl by the name of Mary to have and to hold her heirs and assigns forever.

I also give and bequeath unto the same daughter one hundred dollars taking into consideration that she is to raise.

I also give and bequeath unto my two sons Alexander H. Taylor and Isaac Taylor my large canoe, to have and to hold their heirs and assigns forever.

I also give and bequeath unto my youngest son Isaac Taylor my double barrel gun to have and to hold forever.

I give and bequeath unto my two sons Alexander H. Taylor and Isaac Taylor all of the farming utensils household and kitchen furniture at my plantation on Long Creek to have and to hold their heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath unto my six children my six beds and furniture to be equally divided between themselves.

I also give and bequeath unto my four daughters all of their working implements my household and kitchen furniture at Harlow's Creek.

I also leave my Core Creek plantations to be sold by the executor to this my last will and testament who will hereinafter be mentioned and the money equally divided between my four daughters.

I hereby leave all the residue of my money that I have not given off to be equally divided between my six children, that is to say all that I have at my death.

I hereby leave all of my stock crop of every kind that is horses cattle hogs sheep.

and crop if any to be sold by my executor and equally divid Amongst my six children

I hereby leave and desired my executor to pay all of my just debts out of the money that may come into his hands out of my property.

I hereby appoint my eldest son Alexander H. Taylor sole executor to this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand hand and seal the 30 day of August 1854, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Wm. Taylor
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The above instrument of one sheet was, at the date thereof subscribed by the testator Isaac Taylor declared to be his last will and testament and we at his request sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses.

D. V. Dickinson residing on Clutfoots Creek, Crav. Co.

F. M. Dickinson, residing on Clutfoots Creek, Crav. Co.

R. S. Taylor.

Carters County Court. Nov Term 1855.

The foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Isaac Taylor dead, is exhibited for probate in open Court by Alexander H. Taylor, the Executor therein named, and the due execution thereof, by the said Isaac Taylor, is proved by the oath and examination of D. V. Dickinson and R. S. Taylor, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said Isaac Taylor, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Alexander H. Taylor, executor, qualifies as such by taking the oaths required by law.

Jas. Rumley C. C.

Victor L. Cameron

Wm. G.

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