

Carters County, Court of Probate. March 7th 1871.

The execution of the foregoing will is proved, according to law, by the oaths and examination of William C. Lewis and John Rumley, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who swear that they saw John Dutcher execute the same as his last will and testament; that they attested it in his presence and at his request, and that at the time of its execution, he was, in their opinion, of sound mind and disposing memory.

(In Book of "Orders and Decrees," page 50)

Jas. Rumley, Judge of Probate.

Know all men by these presents, that I, Timothy S. Taylor, of Carters County, North Carolina, being of sound mind and perfect memory, but being aware of the uncertainty of all sublunary things, and being sick nigh unto death, do make and declare this to be my last will and testament, in manner and substance as follows, to wit:

Item 1st. I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary Ann, my Home tract of land, with all the improvements and buildings during her natural life, and at her death to descend to my children, Mary Eliza and Timothy Joseph, share and share alike, or to the survivor of the said two. If neither of my said children shall be living at the death of my wife, then to descend to my two children Samuel W. and Catharine W. Taylor and to the survivor of the two: If neither of the two last named children shall be living in said event then to my heirs in general said plantation being bounded and described as follows:

commencing in the middle of the mouth of Pumping Run branch on Roque Sound up the various corners of said branch, across the neighborhood road to the first fork, with the West prong of said run to the

first fork, with the East prong of said run to Sanchez land parcel, with Sanchez's land to Sanchez's branch, and with Sanchez's branch to Hull Swamp, and across Hull Swamp to my back line, and with my said back line Eastwardly to a point far enough so as to include one hundred and forty acres, by running a direct line to Roque Sound, and with the waters of Roque Sound to the point of beginning, and it is my will that after the particular estate is determined, my child or children who comes into possession shall have the same in fee simple to them and their heirs forever. Also I give unto my said wife, Mary Jane, ten sows and pigs, one cow and calf, or cow and yearling, her choice, kitchen furniture enough to keep house upon, tubs, and all the crockery ware, mahogany table and table furniture, set of best chairs, wheel and cards, one chest, one trunk, bean fat, two beds and furniture, one plow and harness, one grub hoe, one weeding hoe and the best cutting axe, seven chickens, all the provisions on hand, and contents of smoke house, four of the best hogs, except the open sows, ten stocks of bees and two water buckets, one cart.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my children, Catharine W. Taylor and Samuel W. Taylor, all of the balance of my lands, (except those mentioned and the tract decided to my sons Christopher W. J. and David W. Taylor) lying East of my wife's line, and bounded by the lands of Levi P. Cleeby & others my back line and the waters of Roque Sound to be equally divided between them and their heirs or to the survivor of the two, and their heirs. In the event they should die without heirs then to descend to Mary Eliza & Timothy Joseph Taylor, if either are then living, if not, then to my heirs in general; also I give to my daughter Catharine W. Taylor, one bed and furniture, also I give to my son Samuel one bed and furniture.

Item 3rd. All the residue of my property I desire shall be sold by my executor and the proceeds applied to the payment of my just debts and necessary expenses.

Lastly, I appoint my wife my executrix to execute this my will.

Timothy S. Taylor (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of Timothy S. Taylor, who signed it in our presence, and in the presence of each other, who were specially requested by the testator to witness the same, on this 3rd. day of April 1871.

George W. Willis

Parker Whittington

Carteret County. Court of Probate. May 20th. 1871.

The execution of the foregoing will is proved before me, according to law, by the oaths and examination of George W. Willis and Parker Whittington, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who swear that they saw Timothy S. Taylor execute the same as his last will and testament, that they attested it in his presence, and at his request; and that at the time of its execution he was, in their opinion, of sound mind and disposing memory.

(See Book of Orders & Deeds, page 50)

Jas. Rumley, Judge of Probate

In the name of God, Amen. I, Karl Russell, of the County of Carteret and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, and being desirous to adjust and settle my temporal affairs, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament - viz:

First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Rebecca M. Pigott, the plantation on which I now live containing one hundred and fifty acres, be the same more or less, described and bounded as follows - viz: commencing at the fork of the middle prong of Goose Creek, running up said Creek to the upper prong near the McCabe place

thence Eastwardly, up the South and Eastern prong, to its head; thence North 30 degrees West, to the back line of the Stamp Swamp lands; thence Eastwardly, to a laurel; thence South 30 degrees East, to the Ruben Wallace line, containing about one hundred and fifty acres, be the same more or less. I also give to my said daughter, all the right, title, claim and interest I hold in and to the Ruben Wallace tract of land, containing about seventy-five acres, be the same more or less.

I also give to my said daughter Rebecca M. Pigott, one tract of land, on the East of Camp Branch, adjoining the line of William F. Bell Sr., the heirs of David W. Pigott, Maness C. Bell and William Taylor, containing sixty-one acres.

I also give to my said daughter, Rebecca M. Pigott, one feather bed and furniture, one cow and calf, one sow and eight shoats, two stocks of bees, ten barrels of corn, five hundred pounds of pork, fifty pounds of lard, one loom and implements, one mahogany table, and six sitting chairs.

I also give my said daughter, Rebecca M. Pigott, my negro man Ben, recently known by the name of Tom. All of the within named property, both real and personal, I give to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly, I give and bequeath unto my three grand daughters, Christian P. Smith, Sarah Ann Smith, and Cassa Russell, daughter of Nababek Russell and Lory, his wife, all the land I own or possess, lying to the West of the line just made, in dividing the land between them and my daughter Rebecca, running Westwardly, with William Taylor's line, to the corner (Edward Hills line); thence with Edward Hills line, to the Taylor's line; thence with the Taylor's line, down to the A. S. Bell line; thence with the A. S. Bell line, to the beginning; containing two hundred and fifty acres of land, be the same more or less; to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca M. Pigott and my grand daughter Christian P. Smith (wife of Jos. Smith) fifty acres of land on Dogue Banks, to be equally divided between them, their heirs and assigns forever.