

one lot of land No. 34 in New Town - and bequeath to him one fourth of the Schooner as tenants in common with William A. Thomas.

Item, I bequeath to my sons William A. Thomas and Marcus C. Thomas and Charles R. Thomas one half of Schooner Rebecca in trust for my son Thomas Thomas.

Item, I devise the land my wharf and part of my lot no. 25.

Item, the residue of my estate I devise and will should be applied by my executor in the payment of my debts and the balance of the estate after payment of debts I devise to be equally divided among my wife and children - and I hereby give my executor full power to sell or dispose of the said residue first for the payment of debts and then to apply the several shares of my wife and other children then themselves to the use and use of my family.

Finally, I hereby appoint and constitute my sons Charles R. Thomas, Marcus C. Thomas and William A. Thomas my executors, and my will and desire is that they should be the guardian of my children.

In the year of our Lord, Eighteen hundred and Fifty three, the tenth day of March.

Signed & sealed in presence of
 F. C. King
 S. S. Nelson

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
 Carteret County } February Term A. D. 1853

The execution of the foregoing last will and testament is proved in open Court by the oath of Francis C. King one of the subscribing witnesses

Charles, who swears that the said Marcus C. Thomas, the testator, at the time of executing said will, was of sound and disposing mind and memory; and that he did it freely and without compulsion. It is ordered that said will be recorded. Whereupon Charles R. Thomas, one of the executors therein named, qualifies as such, and it is ordered that letters testamentary issue accordingly.

Then personally appears in open Court William A. Thomas, one of the executors named in said last will and testament, and renounces his office of executor.

Jas. Rumley C. C.

In the name of God Amen I William Taylor dw. of Carteret County and State of North Carolina, Being feeble in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God for the same and being desirous to settle things in order do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows that is to say first and principally, I commend my soul to almighty God and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in a decent manner as my executors hereafter named shall think proper as touching said worldly estate as the Lord hath lent to me my will and meaning is the same shall be employed and bestowed as hereafter by this my will is expressed first I do revoke renounce and make void

all wills by me formerly made and sealed and make this my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Joseph Taylor one cow and calf and their increase.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son William Taylor one cow and calf and their increase.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Elijah Taylor one cow and calf their increase also one Feather Bed and Furniture.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son ^{James} Eliab Taylor one cow and calf and their increase also one feather bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Benjamin Franklin Taylor one cow and calf and their increase, also one feather bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Ann Luke Taylor one cow and calf and their increase also one feather bed and furniture one chest one wheel and one pair of cards.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Martha Taylor one cow and calf and their increase also one feather bed and furniture.

One dining table one wooling wheel &c. I want my executors who I shall hereunto appoint to sell all the personal property that I have not given away at six months taking notes with good security and if the sale and if the sale of the property

not amount to Four hundred dollars my executors will sent out land and boxes from year to year until the four hundred dollars is accomplished. and when the same is collected I want bequeath divided between my four daughters Mary Taylor, Hopy Hasket Ann T. Taylor and Martha Taylor.

I give and bequeath unto my six sons Joseph Taylor, William Taylor, Eliab Taylor, George T. Taylor Isaac Taylor and Benjamin T. Taylor all of my Land I now own to be equally divided between them now the life if any of them should wish to sell or convey their rate in said given lands it is my will and desire that they sell to their brother as I want the lands to remain in the family otherwise this will is to be void.

And lastly I do nominate and appoint my two sons Eliab Taylor and Benjamin T. Taylor Executors to this my last will and testament acknowledging this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the second day of August A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

1852
William Taylor Seal

Signed, sealed, published
and delivered in presence of us

Witness
Hatsakut Russell
John D. McCabe

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Sessions
County of Gaston } February Term 1842

The execution of the foregoing will is proved in open Court by the depositions of Hatabick Russell one of the subscribers who swears that the testator at the time of executing said will was of sound and disposing mind & memory and that he did it freely and without compulsion. It is ordered that the will be recorded. Whereupon Eliza Taylor and Benjamin F. Taylor

executors therein named, qualified as such, and it is ordered that the Letters testamentary issue accordingly.
Jas. Rumley C. C.

In the name of god Amen I David W. Pigot of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and establish this my last will and testament in the following manner I give unto my wife Eliza a negro man named Frank a negro boy named York a negro woman named Zini one negro woman named Crisp one negro girl named Harriet one negro girl named Patience one negro girl named Polly and all of their increase to her her heirs and assigns forever

I also give unto my wife one negro man Jerry one negro man named Peter One negro boy named Baps One named Louis One negro woman Polly the negro girl Betsey during her natural life then to be disposed of as I shall hereafter mention. I then give unto my wife Eliza all of my notes money and accounts and whatsoever of property that I do not hereafter mention to her heirs and assigns forever. I then give unto my wife Eliza my house and plantation which I now live including all of the land that my father gave me in his last will with all of the improvements thereon during her natural life. I then give unto my sister Mary my share of a negro boy Sampson that was sold for a division also my share of a negro girl Alice that was sold for a division for the benefit of father's heirs to her her heirs and assigns forever. I do hereby appoint my wife Eliza my lawful heir and my executor This February the 15th. 1842 Signed sealed and published as my will in the presence of

Benjamin C. Smith
Mary M. Weeks

David W. Pigot