

In the Name of God Amen I James Taylor of the County
 of Chatham and State of North Carolina being sick and weak
 in body but of sound and disposing mind and Memory
 considering the uncertainty of human life and that all
 men are born to die and considering the necessity of disposing
 of the worldly substance whicoverth it has pleased God
 to bless me for the disposing of the same I do hereby make
 publish and declare this to be my last will and Testa-
 ment in manner and form following hereby revoking all
 former wills by me at any time heretofore made that is to say
 In witness It is my will and desire that all my Just debts
 be paid and funeral expenses be first paid out of
 the proceeds of the sale of my perishable estate.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son George W Taylor all the
 Negroes together with their future increase and other
 property of which the said George is now in possession
 to him and his heirs forever —

Item I Give to my Grand Children James Monack ^{son} ~~son~~
^{the child of my deceased daughter Mary Monack}
 Monack and Mary Monack the following Negroes
 now in the possession of my son in Law Green Monack
 viz Ben. Alfred. Alice. Lilla. Lucia Sarah. Joe Becky
 and Linda and whereas my son in Law Green Monack
 has sold a Negro woman named Mary with my consent
 which he was to replace with another Negro of like value
 now I also give the said Negro so to be replaced or in
 case the said Green Monack fails to replace the said
 Negro then I give the proceeds of the sale of the said
 Negro Mary now in the hands of the said Green Monack
 to my said ^{three} Grand Children all of the aforesaid property
 to be equally divided between them share & share alike
 and in case of the death of either of my said Grand
 Children during their Infancy then I Give and bequeath
 the share or shares of such grand Child or Children so
 dying during their minority Infancy to the survivors or
 survivors of my said grand Children

Item I give and devise to My son James Taylor the lands purchased by me of Philip Oleton reserving however the right to any of my family of using the Gin on the said plantation in ginning their crops of cotton - also I give and bequeath to my said son James Taylor the Served Man & two Cattle called his.

Item I give and devise to my son Philip Taylor six hundred & forty Acres of Land including the M^{rs} Lee house and plantation beginning at my upper Son Dowsley line running down the river so far as to make the said quantity of six hundred & forty Acres by running out to my back line - I also give to my said son Philip Taylor a horse or horses of the value of one hundred dollars two cows and calves, two Bids & furniture & the stock of Hogs, called his.

Item I lend to my beloved wife Mary Taylor the plantation wherein I live and all my Tract of Land adjoining during her Natural Life and after her death I give and devise the same to my two daughters Sarah Taylor & Apphia Taylor to be equally divided between them - I also lend to my said wife the Contents of my Household furniture & stock of every kind not herein otherwise particularly disposed of & all my Kitchen furniture viz Wagon beds and all my plantation tools & farming utensils -

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Taylor two Bids & furniture, ^{a Bureau} and what Trunks and boxes are called hers also a horse or horses of the value of one hundred dollars two cows & calves, & the stock of cattle called hers.

Item I give to my daughter Apphia Taylor a horse or horses of the value of one hundred dollars two beds & furniture two cows & calves a Bureau & what Trunks and boxes are called hers & also the stock of cattle known as hers.

Item It is also my desire that all my other Tracts of Land not herein given Away or mentioned or intended to be & my two shall be sold by my executor hereinafter named & the proceeds thereof to be divided equally among my said wife & my children James, Philip, William, Sarah & Apphia Taylor all the rest of my Negroes, My Navigation Stock & my Lots in the Town of Pittsborough & Haywood & all the residue of my estate I give to my said wife Mary Taylor & my five children following ~~namely~~ viz James, Philip, William, Sarah & Apphia Taylor to be equally divided between them share & share alike

Whereas my two Daughters Sarah & Apphia having taken some pains with two Negro girls who have commonly waited on them named Celine & Vase It is my will & desire that in the division of my estate according to this my will that the said Celine & Vase in case he allotted to my daughter Sarah if the said Negro shall live & the said Rose if living be assigned to my daughter Apphia together with her increase & that the said Negroes be valued and received by my said Daughters in part of ^{their} share of ^{my} said Negroes - It is also my desire that the following Negroes if living at the division of my estate viz Peggy, Patience & Cato Senior be assigned to my said wife and be received by her in part of her share of my estate I do hereby armate my two sons George W Taylor & James Taylor to be executors to this my last will & Testament - In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of May A.D. 1828

Signed sealed published & declared
by the Testator James Taylor as his
last will & Testament in presence
of us who at his request & in his
became witnesses thereto

W H Strong
David Reed

James Taylor (Seal)

Whereas my Daughter Sarah having intermarried with B. Spencer M Lenahan I do therefore make Ordain publish & declare by way of codicil to the within my last will & Testament this 18th day of November A.D. 1828 as follows viz all the Land Negroes Navigation Stock Lots in the Towns of Pittsborough & Haywood Furniture Stock and all such part of my estate as is mentioned in my said will to be given to my said Daughter Sarah I do hereby give & devise the same to my friend Charles J Williams in Trust nevertheless that he lent out the said Lands I give out the Negroes so to be allotted him for the use & benefit of my said Daughter Sarah M Lenahan to occupy & use the said Land & Negroes without such letting & hiring And in case of the death of my said Daughter Sarah M Lenahan leaving any Issue her surviving then that he convey the same to such child or children but in case my said daughter should die without leaving such Issue then that he divide the same among my children George, James, Philip & Apphia Taylor Equally

Signed sealed published & declared
by the Testator in presence of us who
became witnesses thereto at his request

Joseph W. Taylor
William Th. Taylor

James Taylor (Seal)

The foregoing Will of James Taylor was
proved by W H Strong and the same
Admitted by Wm M. Rouse

Item It is also my desire that all my other Tracts of Land now
 remaining away or mentioned or intended to be & my two
 stills be sold by my executors hereinafter named & the
 proceeds thereof to be divided equally among my said
 wife & my children James, Philip, William, Sarah &
 Apphia Taylor all the rest of my Negroes, viz. Navigation
 Stock & my Lots in the Town of Pittsburgh & Maywood
 & all the residue of my estate I give to my said wife
 Mary Taylor & my five children following to-wit
 viz James, Philip, William, Sarah & Apphia Taylor
 to be equally divided between them share & share alike

Whereas my two Daughters Sarah & Apphia having taken
 some pains with two Negro girls who have commonly waited
 on them named Celina & Rose It is my will & desire that
 in the division of my estate according to this my will that
 the said Celina & Rose inasmuch as be allotted to my daughter
 Sarah if the said Negro shall live & the said Rose if having
 be assigned to my daughter Apphia together with her man
 & that the said Negroes be sold and received by my said
 Daughters in part of ^{their} share of ~~my~~ ^{my} Negroes - It is also
 my desire that the ~~following~~ Negroes of living at the division
 of my estate viz Pegg Taberner & Cato Senior be assigned to
 my said wife and be received by her in part of her share of
 my estate I do hereby nominate my two sons George W
 Taylor & James Taylor to be executors to this my last will
 & Testament - In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and Seal this 11th day of May A.D. 1828

Signed sealed published & declared
 by the Testator James Taylor as his
 last will & Testament in presence
 of us who at his request & in his
 presence witnessed thereto

W H Strong
 David Reed

James Taylor (Seal)

Whereas my Daughter Sarah having intermarried with ¹⁸²⁹
 M Lenahan I do therefore make Ordain publish & declare by way
 of codicil to the within my last will & Testament this 10th day
 of November A.D. 1829 as follows viz all the Land Negroes Nav-
 igation Stock Lots in the Town of Pittsburgh & Maywood
 Furniture Stock and all such part of my estate as is mentioned
 in my said will to be given to my said Daughter Sarah I do
 hereby give & devise the same to my friend Charles J Williams
 in Trust nevertheless that he lent out the said Lands & there
 out the Negroes so to be allotted him for the use & benefit of
 my said Daughter Sarah M Lenahan to occupy & use the said
 land & Negroes without such letting & hiring And in case
 of the death of my said Daughter Sarah M Lenahan
 having any issue he surviving then that he convey the same
 to such child or children but in case my said daughter
 should die without leaving such issue then that he divide
 the same among my children George James Philip &
 Apphia Taylor Equally

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