

State of North Carolina } In the name of our Saviour,

I Jacob Taylor of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina, being at present Sick and Weak of Body but of Sound Mind and Memory. Thanks be to Almighty God for the same, and Calling to mind that all men must die, and the uncertain time, thereof do hereby Make this my last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following

In witness whereof I Commend to Almighty God in hopes of a glorious resurrection through the merit of my beloved Saviour Jesus Christ. My body I Commit to the ground decently to be interred therein as the discretion of my Executors hereafter named shall think fit.

First I lend to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Taylor during her natural life life or widowhood all my Estate both real and personal and directly after her decease or future Marriage then directly unto of Land adjoining to my dwelling house to Live or to my youngest Son John Taylor and Seventy five Acres of Land lying in the upper part. I give and bequest unto my son Jacob Taylor to him and heirs his heirs and all my personal Estate to be Equally divided between my two Sons Jacob Taylor and John Taylor and my youngest daughter Garrison Taylor to them Thrown and Thrown like, and this I do in full.

Lastly } I Constitute Nominate and appoint my beloved Wife Elizabeth Taylor to be sole Executor to this my last Will & Testament, being all other Will or Wills, Testaments or Testaments, by me heretofore Made and allowing this and only this to be my last Will and Testament. Whereunto I have set my hand and affixed my Seal this 15th day of August and in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven.

Signed Seal & Delivered by the } Jacob Taylor Deceased.
Testator in presence of us
as Witnesses

Jacob Millard
Deane Millard
John Cramer

State of North Carolina }
Duplin County } July Term 1788.

Then was the within Will of Jacob Taylor deceased & exhibited before the Court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of Jacob & Elizabeth one of the subscribing Executors thereof read at the same time Elizabeth Taylor the Executrix named in the said Will Come before the Court and testified as and is certain to the said Will according to Law and Order that before is in accordance with the said Will.

Test. W. Dickson C. C.

In the name of our Saviour,

I John Higgin of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina being soundly advanced in years and Calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to die do whilst in perfect mind and disposing memory, Make and declare this my last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following To wit.

First and principally I Bequeath my Soul to the hand of Almighty God who took it, and my body I desire to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my Surviving friends. As Touching my worldly Estate that has pleased God to bless me with

First I have given my son Wiley Higgin the land whereon he now lives one Horse and Saddle, one Bed & Furniture, and one Cow and Calf in full of his legacy of my Estate, I have given to my son Richard Higgin the land which he now lives on Horse and Saddle, one Bed and Furniture and one Cow & Calf in full of his legacy of my Estate. I have given to my daughter Lenny Brown the land whereon she now lives, one Horse and Saddle, one Bed & Furniture and one Cow and Calf which is in full of her legacy of my Estate.

Then I have given my daughter Jenny Brown the land whereon she now lives, one Horse and Saddle and Bed & Furniture, and one Cow & Calf in full of her legacy of my Estate.