

In the Name of God Amen. I Francis Taylor of the County
of Franklin State of N. Carolina being weak in Body, but perfectly
sound in Mind & Memory, yet knowing the uncertainty of Life
& that all are appointed to die, Have thought Proper to make &
ordain this, as my last Will & Testament in Manner & form follow-
ing (to wit.) I give my Soul to God, the Creator of
all, & my Body to its Mother Earth, to be Interred at the Discretion
of my Ex^{rs} & Executors hereafter to be mentioned, but I would
with the Interment, to be after the Masonic Order, if convenient,
& as to what worldly goods I may possess at my Death, I will, bequeath
& bequeath them, as follows. - I give to my Wife Patsy Taylor,
my Riding Chaise & Harness, & my best Chaise Horse. I give
Hester Morrison, because she will at my Death, possess a very con-
siderable Estate, Independent of me, & because I have solemnly sworn
she never earned one one Cent in her whole life. - To My Son John
Taylor I give & bequeath the whole of the Tract, & Homestead, I may
possess at my Death, which (if he makes a prudent use of it) will
be of far greater Advantage to him, & stay much longer with
him, than the Plantation Estate in lands I bequeath I give him, in
addition to what he was intitled to as the half Share of Mammy
Thompson (Dec^d.) But to his unoffending Daughter Ann Eliza Taylor I give
& bequeath the sum of five Hundred Dollars, which I request my
Ex^{rs} will, (as soon as they can make it come.) Put out at once
in some safe Hands, & the Interest annually added to the Principal &c.
in like manner put out, untill the Marriage or Coming of Age
of my S^r Grand Daughter when the whole of it is to be paid over to her.
But it is nevertheless my Will & Desire as also my true Intest & Meaning,
that in case my said Grand Child should die in her Minority, then &
in that Case the Money (which otherwise was intended for her) shall
remain in my Estate to be divided between my Daughter Ann Eliza
Johnson & my son Tho^s S^r Taylor in like manner as some other part
of my Estate which is hereafter mentioned. I give & bequeath to my
son Tho^s S^r Taylor the following Slaves (to wit.) John, Collier, - Cambridge
Suckey, Amy, Parker, Cajah, Susanna, Little London, Sanny, Polly, also
my Watch & Wearing apparel, & my Tea Stock & Gun that is loaded with
Gold, to him & his Heirs for ever. Requesting at the same time that he will
keep the Watch & Gun as long as he lives, in Remembrance of me. My Will
& Desire also is that my Negro Man London, be liberated from

His Meritorious Services Particularly for His Attachment to me, & My Intention in my last Will; but in this, Cannot Easily, be Effected (for I should wish to give my Executors as little trouble as Possible) than I desire that He may be Annually Writ out to such Persons as he may choose to Live with, & the Money arising therefrom, to be solely appropriated to His Use, in order that should he be afflicted in His old age, He may Have something wherewithall to Support Him: - My Negro Woman Vithie, Not wishing to Live with any of my Family, I Herely direct (at Her Request) that She be Sold, but at the same time I request she may be Allowed to Choose Her Master, or Mistress, Provided Never the less that the Person thus Chosen, will give something like Her Work for Her.

Should I not Have Sold off my Stock, Furniture, Plantation Utensils, &c. &c. I discharge my Debts before my Death - I request the same as also my Crop to, to be sold & the money arising therefrom (after Paying my Just Debts & Legacies) to be equally Divided Between my Daughter Anna Wm^{ts} Johnson my Son Thomas P. Taylor, as also the Negroes I may Have which are not Heretofore Mentioned unless my Daughter & my Son Th^o may choose to divide them among without selling which is to be at their Option. I Lastly I do Herely constitute & Appoint my son in law M^r. Geo^r. E. Johnson of Chatham County my Executor & my Esteemed Frnd M^r. Sam^l. Johnson of Franklin My Whole Sole Leg^{al} & of this my last Will & Testament. In Witnes^s Where off I have with all due Solemnity Hereunto set my Name and affixed my Seal this 3rd day of Feb^y. Anno Domini 1815.

W^m. Taylor

Codical &c To the foregoing Will - That Having appointed my Frnd M^r. Sam^l. Johnson one of my Executors Without his Knowledge or Consent & as he will (as living nearest) have the most trouble - I Herely direct that (In case He Qualifies) he be paid out of my Estate the sum of five Hundred Dollars as a Compensation for His Trouble &c. Withop also my Hand & Seal this 3rd day of Feb^y. Anno Domini 1815

W^m. Taylor

P.S. Altho I have thought Proper not to mention it in my Will, Yet it is now on the lips my earnest wish I desire that none of my Family (Except my Daughter) were the least bent or ready of mind for me, as I am well convinced not one of them (Except Herself) will be the least sorry for my Death - F.T.

The last Will & Testament
of
Thomas Taylor
of York County

Frnd Taylors

Will

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