

In the name of God Amen, I Philip Taylor now of the County
and Parish of Granville in the Province of North Carolina being
sick and weak in body but of sound & perfect memory and knowing
the uncertainty of this life do make and ordain this my last
will and Testament in manner and form following, That is to
say, First and Principally I recommend my Soul to God who
gave it, Trusting in the merits and mediation alone of Jesus Christ
for the forgiveness of my Past offences and my body to the Earth
to be buried at the Discretion of my Ex^{ors} hereafter named and
what worldly Estate it hath Pleased almighty God to endow
me with I give and bequeath in the following manner in
witness whereof I have signed my beloved wife Mary the Most of Land whereon
I now live with the house and Plantation thereunto be-
longing (In trust of her Power of all my Lands and Tenements)
During her Natural life and at her Death to Remain & go
as followeth

Item - I give and bequeath unto my son Philip Taylor after the
Decease of his said mother my aforesaid Tract of Land
containing by estimation eight hundred and eighty acres
lying between the lands of M^r. Russell Lewis to him my said
son Philip Taylor his heirs and assigns for ever

Item - I give and bequeath to my son John Taylor one Tract of an
Acre of Land lying on Bennetts Creek it being all that Tract
I Purchased of my Brother William Taylor and George
King containing by estimation seven hundred and thirty five
Acres to him my said son John his heirs and assigns for
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longing (instead of her Power of all my Lands and Tenements)
During her Natural life and at her Death to Remain &c
as followeth

Item - I give and bequeath unto my son Philip Taylor after the
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containing by estimation eight hundred and eighty acres
lying betwixt the lands of M^r. Rowell Lewis to him my said
son Philip Taylor his heirs and Assigns for ever

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Item I give and bequeath to my son James Taylor Two hundred
Pounds Curr^t money of Virginia to enable him to Buy a Piece
of Land which sum I do appoint to be paid to him when
he arrives of full age out of my estate, Nevertheless if
either of my sons Philip Taylor or John Taylor
Turn Over

shall die without lawful issue then and in that case it
 is my Desire and will that my said son James have the
 said Lands as before devised to my said son in lieu of
 The Two hundred Pounds, so that if either my said son Philip
 or John die before they come of lawful Age or have lawful
 issue the v^d son so dying the v^d lands before given him I
 do hereby give to my s^d son James his heirs and
 assigns for ever

All the remainder of my estate consisting of Negroes, stocks
 goods and Chattels I give to be equally divided amongst my
 wife and all my Children I have by her to them their heirs
 or assigns and it is my Desire that my estate be kept together
 except the part given to my wife which she may take out or
 remain with the other at Diversifery until my son Philip
 arrives to the Age of Twenty one years or till my Daugh-
 ter Marries. Of this my Last will I am satisfied and ap-
 proved by having wife Rebecca with my loving Brothers
 Samuel Taylor W^m Taylor Joseph Taylor & the my friend
 Capt. Thomas Person Esq^r Witnesses hereof I have
 hereunto set my hand & seal this 5th day of Sep^r 1765.

Signed sealed & Published
 by the Testator in Presence of

Philip Taylor Test^r

Samuel Taylor
 Sam^r Hopkins } Justi

Ann Taylor

Granville County for August Term 1766

This Will was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of Samuel Taylor & Samuel
 Hopkins two of the subscribing witnesses & an order was ordered to be

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assigns for ever
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goods and Chattels I give to be equally divided amongst my
wife and all my children share by her to them their heirs
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except the part given to my wife which she may take out or
remain with the other as I direct until my son Philip
arrives to the age of Twenty one years he like my Daugh-
ter Marys. Of this my last will I subscribe and ap-
prove my loving wife Elizabeth with my loving Brothers -
Edmund Taylor W. Taylor & Joseph Taylor, with my friend
Capt. Thomas Person & John Withers whereof Charles
hereunto set my hand & seal this 10th day of Sept. 1765.

signed sealed & published
by the Testator in Presence of
Edmund Taylor
Sam. Hopkins } Justs
Ann Taylor

Philip Taylor Testator

Greenville County Sept. August Court 1766
This Will was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of Edmund Taylor & Samuel
Hopkins two of the subscribing witnesses thereto & in motion was ordered to be
recorded. The Mr. Mary Taylor the Executrix Edmund Taylor William Taylor
& Thomas Person three of the Executors thereto named & qualified as
such Joseph Taylor the other Executor did not qualify which was ordered
to be enticed

Test. John Benton Clk