

Simon Taylor.

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Whereas I Simon Taylor of the County of Guilford and Province of North Carolina being far advanced in years and of poor state of health and sound and perfect in memory and well considering the uncertainty of death and great certainty of death at one time or other do therefore leave behind me the following lines as my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I recommend my soul to the Lord and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as touching such worldly substance wherein I am now possessed of I leave and bequeath in the following manner and form viz
1st Item - It is my will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied by my Executors

2nd Item - It is my will that all the remainder portion of my estate be lodged in the hands of my Executors and that my wife shall have sufficient maintenance out of the same during her life and if any thing is remaining at her decease to be at her disposal to divide the same among my children namely Thomas Taylor Rachel Lamb Courtman Eblebridge Henry and John Taylor as she may think most proper.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son-in-law Robert Lamb and my brother in law Zacharias Duke whole and sole Executors of this my last will and testament hereby ratifying and confirming the same making void all other and former wills by me made or that may be made in my name.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 22nd day of July 1771.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twelfth day of the seventh month in the year of one thousand seven hundred and seventy three.

In the presence of
William Williams
John B Williams
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Simon Taylor

Guilford County N. H. May Court 1774

The within last will & testament of Simon Taylor deceased was proved in open court by the oaths of William Williams & John Williams two of the subscribing witnesses thereto & on motion ordered to be recorded. Then came in Robert Lamb & Zacharias Dicks who were by the said testator appointed his Executors &c who came into court & qualified as such agreeable to law.

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Thos Henderson Clk