

In the Name of God amen I James Taylor of
Halifax County in the Province of North Carolina being
very Sick and weak of Body but in Perfect sense of
Memory thanks to almighty God and Calling to mind
the Mortality of my Body do make and declare this
my last will and Testament Inprimis I bequeath
my soul to God that gave it and in Hope of a future
Reward and as for my ^{Personal} worldly Estate which God has pleased
to bestow on me here I Dispose of in the Manner and
form following, Item, my Will and Desire is that my
loving Wife Dorcas have the use and profits of my whole
Estate Real and Personal during her Natural Life
and after her Death I Give and bequeath to my son
Thomas Taylor all my Land and Plantation whereon
I now live to him and his heirs for ever and the
Remainder of my Estate to be Equally divided
amongst my five children Viz! Dorcas Fullard,
Susby Godwin, Katy Taylor, Inda Taylor, & John
Taylor, and lastly I do ~~appoint~~ ^{nominate} ~~or~~ ^{do}
appoint my loving Wife & my son John Taylor
Executors of this my last will and Testament In
Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
fixed my seal this 13th Day of April 1770—
Signed sealed and Delivered }
James Taylor

In presence of —
Cha^s James
Step^r Matthews

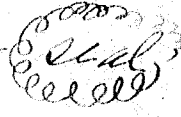
James Taylor ^{Esq} ^{Seal}

Halifax Co^t. February Court 1772—
County }

Then this will was Exhibited in Open Court by Dorcas
Taylor Esq^r and John Taylor Esq^r & duly Shown by
the oath of Step^r Matthews a subscribing witness
there to who on his oath did say that he saw the

My loving wife & I have the use and profits of my whole
estate Real and personal during her Natural life
and after her death I Give and bequeath to my son
Thomas Sayler all my land and plantation whereon
I now live to him and his heirs for ever and the
Remainder of my estate to be equally divided
amongst my five children (Viz! Dorcas Fullard,
Susby Godwin, Hally Sayler, Pella Sayler, & John
Sayler, and lastly I do ~~appoint~~ ~~nominate~~ ~~and~~
appoint my loving wife & my son John Sayler
Executors of this my last will and Testament in
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
fixed my seal this 13th day of April 1770—
Signed sealed and Delivered

In presence of —
Cha^s James &
Step^r Matthews

} James Sayler 

Hallyay } 30th February Court 1772—
Cordwily }

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Sayler Esq^r and John Sayler Esq^r & fully proved by
the oath of Step^r Matthews a subscribing witness
thereto who on his oath did say that he saw the
~~subscribing witness~~ Testator James Sayler sign
seal publish and declare the same to be his last
will and Testament. & he together with Cha^s James
the other witness subscribed severally their respective
names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the
Testator and at his Request & request the Esq^rs &
Executors aforesaid were duly qualified & re-
motion ordered to be recorded — Test J^rs Montfort C^l.