

December term 1809.—The due execution of this last will and testament  
of Margaret Smith, deceased, was proved by the oath of Benjamin Berry,  
one of the subscribing church and underwritten to record.

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P. D. Harris a/c

State of North Carolina As the Name of God Amen, I Samuel  
Bailey of the County of Hyde, County  
acknowledge myself in my proper senses and of sound  
Memory, I constitute and make this my last will and  
testament in manner and form as follows: I give to my  
beloved wife the Plantation that I now live and will  
during her natural life or widowhood, then I give  
the Plantation that I live on to be equally divided between  
my two sons Harry Bailey and Hardy Bailey and all the  
rest of my estate both in doors and out doors likewise  
Equally Divided between my wife and all my daughters.  
I leave my wife Peggy Bailey, John Bailey & Henry Bailey  
hereunto to this my last will and testament as  
witness my hand that—July the 31 Day 1809—  
William Wright

Samuel Bailey

Samuel Bailey

December term 1810—  
The due Execution of this Last will and testament of Samuel  
Bailey, just, was proved in open Court by the oath of William  
Wright one of the subscribing Witnesses in due form  
Ordered to be Recorded

P. B. Norman C.R.

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P. D. Harris c.v.e

In the name of God Amen, John Gaylord of the County of Hyde &  
State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory  
doth bequeath to his wife the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred nine, 1809, make and publish this my  
Last will and Testament in manner following that is to say first,  
I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Louisa Gaylord one  
horse named Gun with a saddle and bridle, doves to my said  
wife during her Life or widowhood also feather bed & furniture  
and after her Death or widowhood I desire the above said bed to be  
Divided there & shall divide it between my children named Sophia,  
Elizabeth, Dorcas, Henry, Abby, Francis, John, Elbridge, William &  
Jernimiah Gaylord, I also bequeath my wife two negro women  
during her life or widowhood to my son John Gaylord and then  
successively and after her Death or widowhood, I desire them and  
thirdly those to be equally divided amongst the above named  
children, I give to my beloved wife two cows & pigs with eight  
three year old hams or pig's ears also six ears Lamb  
I leave to my wife during her life, one hundred and fifty cattle &  
she increasing after her Death or marriage, I desire them  
and their increase to be equally divided amongst all  
my above named children I will that all my Land and  
Hills or broad creek and swamps be Equally divided  
amongst all the above named children that is to say the parts  
wherein and the lots wherein they come to the age of  
maturity or twenty one years of age on reaching, divide from  
said areas of land in and about the body annual putatively  
then also twenty more acres of land formerly owned by John  
Ebene adjoining said land to be Equally divided amongst  
the above named children and their heirs as above mentioned  
also my will is that all the above lands and mills mentioned  
above when divided amongst the above named children to  
be Equally Divided amongst them according to the Value,  
my will is that my Executors & Trustees invent some valuation  
and hire out by publick auction as they should think proper  
for the advantage of the said estate the above mentioned  
mills and lands bearing a privilege for my wife  
During her Life or widowhood the building of plantation  
continuing an acre & a half

whereas I have my will is that my Executors & Executrix  
do advertise and sell at six months credit all my household  
& Kitchen furniture which I have not given away  
and such part of the said furniture as my Executors  
deem fit to be sold for the benefit of the above named children after paying my  
expenses of the said will, my will is that my Executors & Executrix shall  
at the same time credit all the residue of my property & chattels  
over & above debts, damages & their except a sum of money  
given to my beloved wife my will is that my Executors &  
Executrix sell four hundred & eighty acres of Land more or  
less lying on the south side of publick river whereon Richard  
Dyer now lies at such credit as they shall think proper  
the sum of of the above named children also all my Lands  
over than前述 River bay and meadow land my will is  
that my Executors & Executrix do sell the said Land at such  
time and place as they shall think proper for the benefit  
of the above mentioned children also my will is that my  
Executors & Executrix sell also my lot in Greenmount  
and my wife and title in the Lands of Christopher  
Moore Land on and bounded by said Moore's Martin  
Point, all the remainder of my estate whatsoever  
Dover that is not already given away to be sold at six  
months credit by my Executors & Executrix my will is that my  
Executors and Executrix pay all my just Debts out of the  
sums arising from the different sales of said Estate in  
least twelve months until they come to the age of majority or  
land out in excess to the best advantage for the benefit  
of the above children my will is for my Executors & Executrix  
to settle all my debts for the use of the above children if  
possible, also one hundred and fifty acres of land more  
or less on Bell Bay formerly the property of Richard  
Dyer and also two hundred acres more or less lying on

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the River above the town but that the executors & trustees will sell  
there at the discretion of the above mentioned, and I hereby make and  
revise my worthy friend Samuel Black my Executor to this my last  
will and testament and also my beloved wife Americia Taylor  
Executrix also to this my Last will and testament set Respecting all  
other wills whatsoever In witness whereof the said John  
Taylor have to this my Last will and testament set my hand  
this the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John Taylor  
the testator as his Last will and testament in the presence  
of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing the same.

*John Taylor*

The due execution of this Last will and testament of John  
Taylor Esq. Dec'd was proved by the oath of John P. Whiting  
an Evidence thereto on due form

*B. Forrester Esq.*

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*P. D. Davis Esq.*

State of North Carolina In the name of God Almon Elam living  
Hoke County I doth declare of my last will and testament  
made and memory thinks to be past, and taking to mind the  
mortality of man that it is appointed for all men to die, I do  
hereby make this my Last will and testament in manner following.  
First I recommend my soul into the hands of  
God who gave it me and my body to be buried at the discretion  
of my Executors after my death. My will and desire is that  
all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid before  
the fine and legament out my much beloved daughter Estelle  
High and me the Elam all the remainder part of my Estate be  
Equally divided between them between and their heirs for ever  
I nominate and appoint my self above and my friends  
Jackie Elam & Benjamin Forrester Executors to this my  
Last will and testament Respecting all other will or wills

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