

State of North Carolina

1st County Court held Term 1779

There were the within last will & testament of the said deceased duly proved in open Court by the oath of Peter Smith a subscribing witness thereto & ordered to be recorded At the same time John Saunders the Executor therein named qualified as such according to Law ordered that Letters testamentary should be granted to the said John Saunders

Edw. Bryan
Philip Taylor

In the name of God Amen
Cornelius Taylor of this County North Carolina being in good health sound mind & memory being aged do this first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine make & publish the my last will & testament in manner following that is to say I give and bequeath to David Taylor son of Philip Taylor and Susannah his wife a piece of Land lying on Crickets Run Wharfe & now live & joining to Lewis Bryan and Basset Simmon one hundred & twenty acres to him and his heirs Lawfully Begotten of his Body and assigns forever And I make and ordain Lewis Bryan and Edward Bryan my Executors of the my last will and Testament to see the same performed according to my true intent In Witness whereof I the said Cornelius Taylor have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day & year above written

Cornelius Taylor Seal

Signed sealed published by the said Cornelius Taylor for his last will & testament in presence of us whose names are here under written who did each of us subscribe on Witness at his request where he then was July first 1779

Edw. Bryan
Philip Taylor

State of North Carolina

1st County Court May Term 1779

There was the within last will & testament of Cornelius Taylor deceased duly proved in open Court by the oath of Edward Bryan & Philip Taylor the subscribing Witnesses & ordered to be recorded at the same time Lewis Bryan one of the Executors therein named qualified as such Ordered that Letters testamentary should be granted to the said Lewis Bryan

Edw. Bryan

In the Name of God Amen I Charles Skew of the County of Jones farmer being sick and weak In body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men and women once to Die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say firstly and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in Decent Christian burial at the Discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this Life I give and devise of the same in the following manner and form firstly I give and bequeath Alexander Skew my beloved son one Cow and 1/2 calf also to my beloved Daughter Rebekah Skew one Cow and half three pewter plates and one fine point basin also to my Daughter Mary Skew one Cow and half also to Sarah Skew one Cow and half three pewter plates and a half gallon Basin also to my son Isaac Skew one hundred acres of Land on the West side of Traven Swamp also one Bed and furniture one Horse also I give to my Daughter Selah one Bed and furniture one Cow and Earling three pewter plates one Gallon Basin also I give to my three sons John Skew Jesse Skew and Elijah Skew twenty Shillings apiece to be raised out of my Estate also I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Skew one Bed and furniture three pewter

plates and half a dozen Earthen plates one bowl and
Cup and a silver bowl one gallon barrel and three
small ones and sell property enough to pay thirteen
pounds for Elizabeth and then the rest to be divided
between Isaac and Betty after paying all my debts
otherwise (Custodee make and obtain the full Execution
of the my last will and Testament Alexander Skene and
Isaac Skene and I do hereby utterly disavow and
cancel all and every other former Testaments and wills
Legacies bequests and Execution by me in any way before
Thomas Wills and Esq. and his helping and confirming
the and no other to be my last will and Testament
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this 25th Day of May in the year of our Lord 1796
Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the
said

Sarah Skene as her last will and Testament
Testament in the presence of her
who in his presence of said Skene
have hereunto subscribed our names
John Heath
Thos. T. Pearce
his

State of North Carolina

County of Johnston August Term 1796

Then was the within of foregoing Last Will &
Testament of Sarah Skene do. duly proved in
open Court by the Oath of Thomas Pearce a
subscribing witness thereto & ordered to be recorded
at the same time Alexander Skene & Isaac
Skene the Executors thereof named qualified as
such agreeable to Law Ordered that Letters
Testamentary issue accordingly

Attest
Wm. H. H. H.
Wm. H. H. H.

In the Name of God Amen I William Barnett of
of Jones County and State of North Carolina Being very
weak in body but of sound mind and Memory Calling unto
mine the Mortality of man and knowing that it is
appointed for all men to die do make and Publish the my
Last Will and Testament in manner and form following
that is to say First I leave to my Law wife Mary Barnett the
use of my plantation where I now live and all my Stock of
Cattle and Horn Stock of hogs and two head of horses and all
my flock of sheep that is and all my bees and geese and all my
Plantation tools and some shoe makers tools and one pair of
Iron wedges one six mile two pair of Carbars and all my household
and kitchen furniture that I don't live after otherwise direct
and all my paper ware and two small boucans for the
use of the plantation and all my Pots and Crockery ware
including jugs and bottles one spinning wheel and one Wooling
wheel and one feather bed and furniture and all my Chairs
and one Chest and all my bag of Corn four potatoes and
fodder and all Hides and one Woman Saddle and one man
Saddle and bridles and all my plow and gear one cart
gear one grand stone two side of turned leather and three raw
hides and all my bats and my Crop of wheat that is now on
the ground and all my tobacco and one Split Round Note
in John Penwell and one Currence knife and all my flax
and cotton one cloth loom the above but properly I lend to
my wife Mary Barnett Enduring my wife's widowhood
and in case my wife Mary Barnett should Marry or die
it is my will and desire that my son Jesse Barnett
should have the hole of the last property that is remain-
ing after my wife Mary Barnetts Marraige or death to
him the said Jesse Barnett and his heirs forever even

Item

I give to my born son James Barnett a part of of my land on the
South side of Patrick's Branch beginning in my old line
and thence down a row of marked trees to Patrick's Branch near
the bridge to the run of said Branch then up the said Branch
up above the fork of a branch called back horn Meadow Branch
Crossing the said Patrick's Branch at a large tree called