

April Term 1835.

I Peggy Taylor of sound mind and memory but knowing that it is appointed for all men to die doth make this my last will & testament Item 1st That at my death my body to be decently buried in a Christian like manner and all my burying expenses paid.

Item 2nd That my Land and plantation whereon I now live to be equally at my death divided between my daughters Elizabeth Best and Mary Sherrod to them and their heirs forever.

Item 3rd I lend unto my beloved Daughter Elizabeth Best during her lifetime a negro Woman Louisa, negro & his wife, negro Girl Abigail and negro Girl Sally with and their increase and at her death I give them unto her Children forever.

Item 4th I give unto my beloved daughter Elizabeth Best, her Bedstead & Bedclothes and furniture the Chaise her sona saddle to her and her heirs forever.

Item 5th I lend unto my beloved Daughter Mary Sherrod one negro Girl Lucy & negro Girl Betty then and their increase and at her death I give them unto her Children forever.

Item 6th I give unto my beloved daughter Mary Sherrod her Bedstead & furniture the Chaise & her saddle to her and her heirs forever.

Item 7th I give unto my beloved Daughter Mary Sherrod, at my death One hundred and thirty dollars in Cash.

Item 8th It is further made my will and desire that all of my money and Notes be equally divided between my Daughters Elizabeth Best and Mary Sherrod, to them and their heirs forever.

Item 9th I further make desire that at my death the balance of my Estate not otherwise disposed of be equally divided by two disinterested men between my daughters Elizabeth Best and Mary Sherrod to them and their heirs forever.

Item 10th I further make appoint Frederick W. Mayo as my Ex^r to pay all of my Just debts and legacies and settle my Estate in full then the 25th day of March 1835 and eight hundred and thirty four good under my hand and seal.

Witness my hand and seal
Peggy Taylor
Lewis Perry
John H. Perry

State of Maryland County of Pears Vale before Specials April Term 1835
Martin County. The foregoing paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of Peggy Taylor was exhibited in open Court by Frederick W. Mayo and sworn in due form of Law by the oath of Lewis Perry one of the subscribing Witnesses. Whereupon the said Frederick W. Mayo came forward & took the oath of qualification as Executor and this instrument was ordered to be recorded.

Test J. D. Rigg Clerk

July Term 1835.

In the name of God Amen I Sarah J. Smithwick of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory doth hereby make and publish this One Thousand eight hundred and thirty four made and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) First I desire to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner and my burial and funeral expenses paid.

Item 1st I desire my Executors to dispose of my Estate in such a manner as to pay my just debts then I lend my land wife during her life to her and her heirs and Negro my Wife Kate, and her child, her Child to be chosen out by her. Then I give the share of furniture belonging to the land and all my clothing to her and I also give to her a sufficient quantity of Negro for her support the first year and the share of her child to be chosen out by her, and a sufficient quantity of corn fodder and feed for her support the first year besides she raises my children in a decent Christian like manner and gives them a good family education but if my Executors shall find at any time that she is likely to waste the Estate that they shall take the Estate in hand and dispose of it to the best advantage for the interest of my Children, also I give the balance of my personal estate to the best advantage and my Negroes and lots in land to the best advantage to the best advantage. Also I desire my Low Ground Land to be sold to the best advantage and my Executors to give a good title to the same, and after my wife has enjoyed the above named property agreeable to the foregoing will I then desire that my whole Estate shall be equally divided between my two Children. I nominate and appoint John S. Smithwick and James H. Smithwick as my Executors to this my last will and Testament to settle and dispose of my Estate to the best advantage agreeable to my will. I also give and bequeath to my son Philip my Medicine Book and all my Medicines and one Smooth Band and not to be sold from him.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal and have subscribed in the presence of witnesses One Thousand eight hundred and thirty four

Witness
John H. Smithwick
James H. Smithwick

S. J. Smithwick

State of Maryland County of Pears Vale before Specials July Term 1835.

The foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Sarah J. Smithwick was exhibited in open Court and sworn in due form of Law by the oath of John H. Smithwick & James H. Smithwick both of the subscribing Witnesses. Whereupon the said John H. Smithwick and James H. Smithwick came forward and qualified to the same when it was ordered to be recorded.

Test J. D. Rigg Clerk