

I have made this my last will & testament in full and complete and
expressed my freely & without fraud friend William Barnett & Robert
Green to be my whole & sole Executors to manage & settle my affairs
after my decease according to the true intent & meaning of this my
last will & Testament, the Witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed my seal this 8th day of February 1777-

Signed Sealed & delivered by the above named John Taylor
to be his last will & Testament in presence of us.

Abraham Taylor

George Baker

George Baker

John Taylor



In the name of God Amen. I Abraham Taylor being weak in body
but of perfect sound memory & judgment, and calling to mind the mortality
of my body, that it is appointed for all men once to die, have therefore
thought fit to make this my last will & Testament, thereby Revoking &
making void all other wills & Testaments by me heretofore made
& done of whatever kind or form whatsoever; And first I recommend
my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian & decent manner at
the discretion of my Executors, and my soul to God that gave it me
in hopes of a glorious Resurrection through my Lord & Saviour Jesus
Christ. And next I will & appoint that all my lawful Debts be paid
them. I will & bequeath unto Mary Taylor my loving wife her lawful
Thirds of all my personal & moveable Estate, I also will & bequeath unto
my wife during her life time this tract of Land of 75 acres on which
I now live as also this other tract of Land, joining this of 125 acres with
bequeathed & left to me by my sister Jane Taylor now deceased to hold &
enjoy the said lands with all its profits whatsoever belonging to
the same whilst she my said wife lives upon condition that she my
said wife gives up all her right of Dower or profits which by Law may
by her be claimed of all the rest of my land to the proper Heirs & Legates that
I now have now bequeathed it to or to any acting for them in their names
by proper Authority, but if it is not given up as above said I will that
she my said wife shall only have such profits of the said land as the
Law directs & in the first case provided to her claim if she be now
with the Child & it lives, that then the child shall then be whole & sole

...to the said ... with all profits belonging to the ...
if this be their die without this or some of its own body, that then the
said land shall fall to the highest heir by law of my blood family. And
I will I be, make unto my said beloved as above said all the rest &
remainder of my personal estate after my wife shall be taken up & all
the remainder of my lands & with all their profits & appurtenances
But in case the said beloved or her shall die without having taken
or some of its own body together or if my said wife be not with
me at the time either of these cases I will I appoint that all my
lands hereunder mentioned be given in manner & form following to
William H. Haysworth unto my late beloved brother John Taylor a son
of said dying & living in the Northwest side of his own land where he
now lives containing 167 acres of land as there be as described in the
patent, I also will I bequeath unto the now present children of my
late Mary Reed viz John Reed, Elizabeth Reed, Allen Reed & Mrs. Reed
Beulah Reed & the next child to death that land of land lying in
North land & between that other land upon both sides of the branch
containing 147 acres & be sold by my executors at their discretion
the money therefrom arising to be equally divided amongst the
children named children & put out at interest by my executors until
each Legatee shall come of age to receive their part. I also will
I bequeath unto my Will beloved sister Margaret Hudson formerly
Jones viz Daniel Hudson, John Hudson, William Hudson & the other
Hudson two tracts of patent land containing in the whole of the two
tracts four hundred acres of land be the same more or less lying on the
waters of the South fork of the Catawba river as described in said
Patents lying near said Daniel Hudson land. & in the now present land
of North land formerly named Newcom. I also appoint that this
land be equally divided as may be in quantity & good crops lay
there as more men by them chosen for that purpose & if any one or
more of said Legatee die before of age I will I appoint that their
part be equally divided amongst the rest of the Legatee that are
I also appoint John Taylor my brother & Mr. Wilsons. my
Exor of this my last will & Testament In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal this 21st day of April 1778
Signed Sealed Proven and Published & declared

remained of my land & with all these people & the proportion
 But in case the said child or children shall die without having the
 or some of the body together or if my said wife be not with
 said then in either of these cases I will & appoint that all my
 land hereunder mentioned be given in manner & form following
 I will & bequeath unto my late beloved Brother John Taylor a tract
 of Land lying & being on the Northwest side of his own land & near the
 Tract lines containing 16th acres of Land so then be to as described in the
 patent, I also will & bequeath unto the now present children of my
 wife & Mary Reed viz John Reed, Elizabeth Reed, Allen Reed & Mrs Reed
 Beulah Reed & the next child to be born that tract of Land lying Mrs
 Reed's land & adjacent thereto & also land upon both sides of the tract
 containing 147 acres & to be sold by my executors at their discretion
 & the money therefrom arising to be equally divided amongst the
 above named children & put out at interest by my executors until
 each Legatee shall come of age to receive their part. - I also will
 & bequeath unto my Will beloved Sister Margaret Hutson four children
 viz Daniel Hutson, John Hutson, William Hutson & the said
 Hutson two tracts of patent Land containing in the whole of the two
 tracts seven hundred acres of Land be the same more or less lying on the
 borders of the South fork of the Catawba river as described in said
 Patents lying near said Daniel Hutson's land. & in the now present lot
 of Mark but formerly named Owen. I also appoint that this
 Land be equally divided as may be in quantity & good crops & lay
 there or more than by three chosen for that purpose & if any one or
 more of said Legates die before of age I will & appoint that their
 part be equally divided amongst the rest of the Legates that survive
 I also appoint John Taylor my brother & Mrs Wilson's my
 Ex^{rs} of this my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand & seal this 21st day of April 1778

Signed, Sealed, Promised, Published & declared

In presence of the under named Subscribers

NB That if my wife has a child as herebefore said I will to pay for
 its maintenance the sum of Fifty pounds out of the money

arising from the Sale of my Personal Estate, if my child dies as aforesaid
 I will want John Taylor my Brother have part of the Remainder of
 my Movable Estate of the money arising as above said, & also my
 Sister Mary Reed & Sister Margaret Heston the other third part to be
 equally divided between them. I also will unto Jane his wife of
 James Lees my young son's house three years old in which I was
 as above written I have hereto set my hand & seal this day above
 written in presence of

William Nelson
 David Hays
 Mary Hays

Abraham Taylor 

In the name of God Amen. The 30th day of October 1779
 I Joseph Tammie in N^o Carolina Mecklenburg County (I will
 write) being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind &
 memory thanks be given to God, therefore calling to mind
 the Mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed
 for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will
 & Testament that is to say principally & first of all I give &
 recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that give
 it & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a de-
 cent Christianlike manner according to 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 hath pleased God
 to bless in this life, I give & dispose of the same in the follow-
 ing manner & form, And I order that all my just debts and
 funeral charges be fully paid & satisfied. Item I give & bequeath
 unto my beloved wife Jane Tammie the third of all my movable
 Estate & her House hold Goods & her bed & Bed Cloaths, all the
 household furniture & the negro woman called Jenn & her living
 on Ordering of this plantation & the two Mills as she thinks more
 proper during her widowhood—Item I give & bequeath unto
 my eldest daughter Elizabeth Reed five pounds—Item I give &
 bequeath unto my son John Tammie one hundred acres of land—