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In the name of ^{God} ~~God~~ alone
Now and when ~~for~~ in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty
three I Mary Taylor of the County of Johnston
and State of North Carolina being weak
but in body but of sound & disposing
mind and memory thank be to God for
the same do make & ordain this my last
will testament in this manner & form
following That as to say
~~and that I will~~ I will that my negroes (his) the
Dorcas and ~~Marion~~ be retained on the plantation
to assist in raising & schooling my
children now living with me for the term
of five years from my decease but if my
wishes shall think it will be more for the
advantage of ~~the~~ children I do here by
authorize him to ~~withdraw~~ ~~the~~ negroes
from the term of time before stated on
any part thereof & appropriate the
proceeds of the hire ^{of the} purposes above mentioned
And I do further will that at the ex-
piration of the term of five years from
my decease my executors sell such as
is hereby authorized & directed to sell
the negroes and make an equal division of
the proceeds of the sale amongst all my
children except John C. Taylor who is to have
an equal dividend only in the proceeds of the
sale of William and Dorcas exclusive of their
share with the rest of my children
now living with me
and I do make ^{fully} ~~and~~ & appoint my, truly

private without any delay & I am now of
 type of this my last will and testament
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand & affixed my seal this 14 day of October
 above written & I declare & declared in
 presence of
 John Hardin Mary Taylor Doug
 Hugh McDowell

In the name of god Amen I John Hight
 of the town of Charlotte County of
 Newbern & Shores of North Carolina calling
 to mind that that all men must die soon
 no being sick of body but of good mind do
 make this my last will and testament
 1st My will is that all my just debts
 shall be paid
 2^d All the balance of my property of
 every description I do will and bequeath
 Rachel Cohen wife of Ben Cohen
 In witness whereof I have set my hand
 and seal this the 14 day of October
 1876
 Saml McGehee John McGehee Edw
 Peter Bouchey