

James M. McKee Will

All the debts & legacies above mentioned shall be paid and all the debt owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts & legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid to my said wife and all my children in equal proportions share and share alike to them and each of them and Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my truly loving friend Mr. McKee my lawful executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same and every part & clause thereof, hereby revoking and disclaiming utterly said all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In wit my wife Mary of the said James M. McKee do hereunto set my hand and seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1866

James M. McKee

Signed & sealed published and declared by the said James M. McKee to be his last will and testament in presence of us who on his request in his presence & in presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

John F. Birkhead  
Thos. E. Scarborough

Montgomery County Court January Term A.D. 1867

That the foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath and examination of John F. Birkhead a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded and filed

Thos. E. Scarborough

Thomas Taylor Will -  
I Thomas Taylor of the County of Montgomery and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit: I say first my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suit able to the wishes of my friends relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts & charges and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate then first -

I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Taylor all of my real and personal estate for the time of her natural life or widowhood at the death of my Widow Mary Taylor I give and devise to my son Benjamin Fillmore I give twenty dollars to be paid by my executor and I also give and devise to my daughter Bessie Taylor fifty acres of land including the dwelling house and all the out-houses on the place where I now live and also including the springs of the Barometer and Bessie Taylor and Melly Taylor and Sophy Taylor are made equal with the rest of my children that is named and left me my executor shall sell all the real & personal and all of my children and Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint

my truly friend George Smith  
my lawful executor to all intents  
and purposes to execute this my  
Last Will and Testament according  
to the true intent and meaning of the same  
and every part and clause thereof  
lawfully and declaring utterly void  
all other wills and Testaments by me before  
made. In Witness Whereof I the said  
Thomas Taylor do hereunto set my  
hand and seal this 22<sup>d</sup> day of  
February 1867

Signed Sealed Published and delivered by  
the said Thomas Taylor to be his last  
Will and Testament in the presence of us  
who at his request <sup>his</sup> Thomas Taylor (son)  
and in his presence do <sup>subscribe</sup> our names as Witnesses  
Thorton

W. Rives

R. G. Lomax

North Carolina Branch of Probate & Superior  
Court at Newbern 2<sup>d</sup> March 1867  
Then the foregoing paper writing purpor-  
ing to be the Last Will and Testament  
of Thomas Taylor deceased, is exhibited in  
open Court, by George Smith the Executor  
therein named and the due execution  
thereof proven by the oath and examination  
of W. Rives & R. G. Lomax subscribing  
Witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the  
Court that the said paper writing and  
every part and parcel thereof is the last will  
and Testament of the said Thomas Taylor  
read over to be recorded and filed  
thereupon the said George Smith ex-  
ecutor named came forward and  
was duly qualified by taking the  
oath prescribed by Law  
J. M. C. W. W. W. W.

Thomas E. Scarborough Will

I Thomas E. Scarborough of the County of  
Hartford and State of Connecticut being  
of sound mind and memory and  
considering the uncertainty of my earthly  
existence do make and publish my  
last will and Testament in manner and  
form following that is to say first  
my executors hereafter named shall  
provide for my body and soul and  
entails to the wishes of my friends and  
relatives and pay all personal expenses  
together with my just debts however and  
whenever coming out of the same except  
may first come into their hands as a part  
or parcel of my estate and in order  
to raise funds to pay off and discharge  
all of my just debts I request my executor  
hereafter named to hold together and divide  
all of my valuable or profitable estate both  
personal and real (disposing of such estate  
as goods or profits) for two years and in  
his discretion either lease out the same or  
sell out the same or possess them or sell  
all together and make use in order to raise  
funds to pay off and discharge said just  
debts and should not funds sufficient  
to pay off and discharge all of my just  
debts be raised in this time and in that case  
my Will and desire is that my distributees here-  
after named shall each pay proportionally in  
the nominal value of their shares if there  
shall be any just debts unpaid off and  
discharged

Item I do give and devise to my  
beloved wife Elizabeth Scarborough all three  
hundred acres of land to be set out  
by me and bounds on the east and