

In The Name of God Amen I Drury Taylor of Nash County and now being of perfect mind and memory do constitute and point this writing as my last will and testament in manner and form following viz:

Item: I lend unto my beloved wife Rosamond Taylor one certain parcel of land bounded as follows beginning on the south side of Tar River at the mouth of the Red Oak spring Branch thence up the said branch to the spring thence asouth course to the road thence down the said road to David Winstead line thence along the said Winstead line to the River thence up the said River to the place begun at by estimation 300 acres by the same more or less also two negroes Jeary and Vilet which said property she is to make use of during her natural life time, Also one feather bed and furniture to ~~her~~ and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Arther Taylor a parcel of land bounded as follows beginning on the south side of Tar River at the mouth of a ~~but~~ about 20 yards below Dinah Poulans landing thence a strait course to a new ~~marked~~ corner Red Oak near the road thence up the road to William Taylor sen. line, thence along the said Taylors line to the river thence down the river to the place begin at about 60 acres be the same more or less to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Simon Taylor a parcel of land bounded as follows beginning on the south side of Tar River at the mouth of Dickson Branch thence up the said Branch to the second strand that runs into the said Dickenson Branch thence up the said strand across the said road to a Hickory stand in the apple orchard marked fore and after thence a south course to the Back line thence along the said back line to David Winstead to the said Winstead other line thence along the said line to the River. thence up the River to the place begun at about 150 acres be the same more or less. But still my desire is that part of this land that I have before lent my wife Rosamond Taylor that my son Simon Taylor do not interfere nor concern with during her natural life to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever; also one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Drury Taylor all the rest of land that I have not yet given away but still my desire is that such part of the said land that I have before lent my wife Rosamond Taylor that my son Drury Taylor do not interfere nor concern with during her natural life and also one negro boy named Toney to him and his heirs forever. also one feather bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson John C. Taylor the sum of fifty silver dollars to him and his heirs forever. And further desire that after my death that my lawfull debts be paid and that the rest of my estate not all ready devised shall be equally divided betwixt Arthur Taylor, Simon Taylor and Drury Taylor.

I do constitute and appoint Arthur Taylor, Simon Taylor and Drury Taylor executors to this my last will and ~~in~~ testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this thirteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight.

Drury Taylor (Seal)

In the presence of
Uriah Hatcher
Edward Taylor
Henry W. Poulan
Ford Taylor
Nash County

February court, 1809

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Edward and Fort Taylor two subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.
Attest Wm Hall, C.C.
and is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest Wm Hall, C.C.

In The Name of God Amen. I John Cockrell of Nash County being weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory blessed be God for the same, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first, I lend unto my loving wife Anne Cockrell my home plantation and lands adjoining thereunto and one negro woman named Peg to her, her life time, also I give to her one feather bed and furniture for ever; also two cows and calves forever; also twenty barrels of corn and one thousand weight of pork also one horse creature her choice to her forever. Item: I give to my three sons Joseph Cockrell, John Cockrell and Samuel Cockrell all my lands lying on the north side of Tar River adjoining John Poulans, David Pridgen and Wells lines, one dividing line to begin at the mouth of the Spring Branch on the River running and due course to Pridgens line for one dividing line the other dividing line to begin at the mouth of the great branch, running a due course to Pridgens line for the other dividing line; the land lying between the Spring branch and Wells line to be the first lot, the middle pease to be the second lot, the upper pease joining Poulins line to be the third lot, and for them to draw for it, which land I give to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son Samuel Cockrell one negro woman named Tressy to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my two sons Vincent Cockrell and Baldy Cockrell all my lands and plantation whereon I now live after my wifes deceased the dividing line to begin at a Hickory corner in Batmans line at the back of the orchard running a east course to the back line, Baldy to have all on the north side of said dividing line and Vincent all on the south side of land dividing line which land I give to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son Vincent Cockrell one negro ~~woman~~ named Peg after