

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 ~~me~~ 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 Wilson 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 devidied 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

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my wives decesse to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son Baldy Cockrell, one negro boy named Isaac to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Betsey Cockrell one negro girl named Easter to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Nancy Cockrell one negro girl Delena to her and her heirs forever. Item: All my estate that I have not heretofore lent nor given away be sold and all my lawful debts paid out of the money arising from such sale and if there is any left to be equally divided among all my children after my executor is satisfied for his trouble.

Item: I hereby appoint and nominate my trusty friend John Vick Esq. my executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of March 1809

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in the presence of us  
Jas. Vick  
William Horn  
Everard Batman.

John Cockrell (Seal)

Nash County

August Court 1809

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of William Horn and Everard Batman 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.

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In the Name of God Amen: I Joseph Selah of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of perfect sound mind sense and memory and understanding do make this my last will and testament in form and manner following to wit: I give my soul to almighty God that gave it and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned. Item: My desire is that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and then all the rest of my estate be disposed of in form and manner following (Item) I give and bequeath to my dear and well beloved grandson Cordy Selah one horse bridge and saddle two feather beds and furniture and bedsteads one pot one frying pan two axes two pewter basons one pewter dish six table spoons one chest to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Silliear Beggaves five shillings specie and I do also constitute and appoint my trusty friends Cordy Selah and Jesse Joiner executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the sixteenth day of February, 1807.

Test.

Bennett Joiner.

his mark.  
Joseph Selah (Seal)

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Nash County

August court, 1809

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Bennet Joiner a subscribing witness 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.

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In the Name of God Amen. I James M. Nicholson of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory (blessed be God) do this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord eight teen hundred and nine make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and following that is to say first:

I give to my beloved wife Mary Nicholson the following negroes to wit Beally, Phillis, Henry and Isham to her heirs forever. I lend to my said wife during her widowhood the following negroes that is to say Harry and his wife Silvey with there two youngest children Amstan and Ben. I also lend to my said wife my Manner Plantation whereon I now live for an during her life, and at her death to go to and descend to my daughter Eliza Ann Nicholson and the child that my said wife Mary is now pregnant with to be equally divided between the two, and if either of the said children should die before they arrive of age or have issue then the hole of said land to go to the surviving one and if they should both die before they arrive of age or have issue then the said land to be equally divided between my two brothers Guilford and Thos. Nicholson and their heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Eliza Ann Nicholson and the child that my above mentioned wife is now pregnant with all that Valuable plantation on the north side of Fishing creek lying in the county of Halifax known by the Batts and Ethridges places and all my lands adjoining there to to be equally divided between the above mentioned children and if either of said children should die then to descend as in the first instance to the surviving one and if they should both die before they should either have issue or come of age then to descend to Guilford and Thos. Nicholson as above. I also give to my said daughter Eliza Ann and the beforementioned child that my wife is pregnant with the following negroes, Ishameal, Tom, Lynus, Margaret, Baby, Mary, Charlott, Amy Nathan, Nathan, and Charles and at the death or Marriage of my said wife the before named negroes, Mary, Ivey, Austan, and Ben to be equally divided between the two children above mentioned when the said Eliza Ann becomes of age or marries but if either of my said children should die before they arrive of age or have issue then the hole of said negroes to descend to the surviving one and if they should both die before they arrive of age or have issue in that case I give to my wife Mary Nicholson