

I John Deans of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, do this thirty first day of October in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: I lend to my beloved wife Rhoda Deans the home plantation of land whereon I now live together with the lands known as the Creekmore tract during her life.

I also lend my wife Rhoda Deans the following negroes to wit one negro man by the name of Jacob, one negro man by the name of Washington one negro woman by the name of Cook, Pinney and her son Daniel, one negro woman by the name of Easter and her son Robert, and one negro by the name of Harriett during her life together with their increase.

I also lend her all the household and kitchen furniture. I give her four cows and calves, two work horses, four sows and pigs. At the death of my wife I give and bequeath to my son John E. Deans the home plantation of land together with the Creekmore land and one negro man by the name of Jacob to him and his heirs forever. At the death of my wife I give and bequeath to my son Marcus H. Deans one negro man by the name of Washington to him and his heirs forever. At the death of my wife I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Winstead one negro girl by the name of Harriett together with her increase from this day to her and her heirs forever. At the death of my wife I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Deans the following negroes to wit Cook Jimmy and her son David negro woman Easter and her son Robert together with their increase from this day to her and her heirs forever.

I also give her one horse named Starling and two beds and furniture. At the death of my wife its my desire that the household and kitchen furniture be sold, with the exception of two beds and furniture, and the proceeds arising therefrom I give to my daughter Mary Atkinson.

I give and bequeath to my son David M. Deans the following negroes to wit: one negro man by the name of Frank one negro girl by the name of Tammy and one negro girl by the name of Sarah, together with their increase from this day to him and to his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my son Marcus H. Deans one negro man by the name of Elias and one negro woman by the name of Caroline, together with her increase from this day to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son John E. Deans one negro man by the name of Sampson and one negro man by the name of Berry to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Winstead one negro man by the name of Branch and one negro woman by the name of Mourning and her child, together with their increase from this day to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my sons David M. Deans and Marcus H. Deans the balance of my land lying above the home plantation to be equally divided, to them and their heirs forever.

The following negroes to wit, One negro woman by the name of Jinney one negro boy by the name of Frank, one other boy by the name of Green and one negro woman by the name of Milly and her three children, is my will and desire that the above named negroes be sold to pay all my just debts by my executors hereinafter named.

And it is my further will and desire should there be any surplus from the sale of the negroes sold by my executors, I give and bequeath the same to my daughter Mary Atkinson, and provided there should not be a sufficiency to pay my debts from the sale of the negroes, and money owing to me. It is then my further will and desire that my three sons David M., Marcus H., and John E. Deans pay the balance of my just debts.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my son David M. Deans executor to this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto

set my hand and seal

acknowledged in presence of

John Deans (Seal)

Thos. J. A. Cooper

T. H. Scott

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session

Nash county Feb Term 1847

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament

of John Deans is offered for probate and duly proven in open court on

oath by Thomas J. A. Cooper and T. H. Scott the two subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded. And is recorded.

Attest F. M. Taylor, C. C. C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Josiah Taylor being of sound mind do make and constitute the following my last will and testament. Item 1st. I wish all my just debts to be paid.

Item: 2nd. It is my wish and desire after paying my just debts that my estate of every description be equally divided between my sister Mary Mann, Winnifred Taylor and my brother Kinchen Taylor.

Item: 3rd. I leave my friend Benjamin Mann my only executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have affixed my hand and seal this the eighth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred forty six.

Josiah Taylor (Seal)

Witness

Wm. E. Bellamy

Wm. Dozier.

State of North Carolina court of pleas and quarter session

Nash county

February term 1847

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Josiah Taylor deceased is offered for probate and the same being duly proven by the oath of W. Dozier one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded. And is recorded. Attest F. M. Taylor, C. C. C.