

In the Name of God Amen. I Christopher Taylor of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this thirty first day of May in the year of our lord 1808 do make and publish this my last will and testament in the form and manner following that is to say.

Item: First I lend to my beloved wife Mary Taylor the land and plantation whereon I now live beginning on the north side of Tar River at a diggs nearly against the mouth of the two pole branch and from thence nearly a north course to a pine on the straight path against the head of the short branch thence nearly the same course to a pine in the back line against the head of the peccoon thence west to a red oak my own corner thence south 154 poles to my old line thence west a long said old line to Tar river thence the said driver to the said Beginning containing four hundred acres be the same more or less also two negroes one named Jack the other named Lucy and one feather bed and furniture and seventy five dollars to buy her a horse and six cows and calves of her own choice and ten shotes and three sows and sixteen pigs and one hunting saddle and one pine chest called her own and one loom and gear and two iron pots and hooks and three dishes and three basins and twelve plates and twelve spoons to my said wife during her life or widowhood.

Item: I give and bequeath my loving daughter Zilpha Brantley five shillings sterling to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Miles Taylor two hundred and fifty acres of land joining Henry Adkinson line it being the land west of the land aforesaid be the same more or less due regard being to my grants and deeds and four negroes one named patience and one named Alice and one named Sarah and one named Amos and one feather bed and furniture and one cow and three heifers and one hundred pounds virginia currency in money to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son William Taylor three hundred and fifty acres of land on the east end of the first tract aforesaid due regard being given to my grants and deeds and three negroes one named Lidd and one named Isaac and one named Black Pegg and one feather bed and furniture and one cow and three heifers to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Tempy Taylor three negroes one named Mary and one named Nacey and one named Alvey and one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Merry Taylor all the land and possessions that I have lent to my wife during her life or widowhood and three negroes one named Ag and one named Dave and one named Yellow Pegg and further more my Will and desire is that my personal property that I have lent to my beloved wife during her life or widowhood the

land only excepted shall be equally divided after her time is out shall be equally divided between my children as followeth that is an equal proportion between Miles Taylor and William Taylor and Tempy Taylor and Merry Taylor to them and their heirs forever. and I hereby make and ordain my worthy friends my wife Mary Taylor and Wilson Taylor Junr. of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Christopher Taylor have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Christopher Taylor the testator as his last will and testament in presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Wm Taylor
John Hulan Jun.
Henry W.H. Boulan
Drewry Taylor Jun.

his
Christopher Taylor (Seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina, Nash County court Nov. session 1802.

The foregoing paper writing was duly proven in open court by the oaths of John Ricks and Archibald Lamon who swore to the hand writing of Wilson Taylor Sen one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and by Drewry Taylor one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of Christopher Taylor dec.

Attest H Blount, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto.

Attest H Blount C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Nathan Ward of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of perfect and sound mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following. Imprimis; I give and devise unto my brother John Ward alias McHews all my lands containing by estimation one thousand acres together with all the rest and residue of my estate left of whatsoever sort to him and his heirs forever and I appoint my neighbor John Harrison Sen. whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament making void all other wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty seventh day of April in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

Signed, sealed in presence of
Benj. Blunt;
James Harrison
John M. Burnett.

Nathan Ward (Seal)

State of North Carolina Nash County court May session 1823.

The foregoing paper writing was duly proven in open court by the oaths of Benj. Blunt James Harrison and John M. Burnett subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest Henry Blount, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto.

Attest Henry Blount C.C.C.