

The Mercantile Will of James Taylor, being in his last will and testament, which departed this life on the 8th day of February, did in the deponents house on the 2nd of said month, we were called in by Johnston a young man which had worked with him and appeared he said to hear, though he wished to dispose of his property. We accordingly to his request went in, we found him as we believed in his perfect senses. I Thomas Devane one of the deponents asked him the said Taylor, if that was his business, he answered yes. Then requested him to say how he wished it disposed of, he answered Berry, and Thursty to have fifty dollars a piece; Johnston to have all my tools, and all my clothes and all my money I have about me. I may said to have a sister in Virginia and should she come, to have the one third, of my estate, if not, Johnston to have it all. I then said Thomas Devane one of the deponents asked him, whose hands he wished his business left in, he said Johnston, altogether. I then said Thomas asked him the said Will, which he repeated in the same words and to this effect, and further, say the not, as witness our hands this 10th February 1805.

Testimony
Ann + Adams
mch.

Tho^s Devane
Helen Devane

Proven before me this 18th February 1805, the within Will by the oaths of Thomas Devane Esq, and his wife Helen the subscribing witnesses.
J. Blodworth. J.P.

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County }

As the subscribers being appointed by the Worshipful County Court, to take the examination of ch^{rs} Helen Devane, do hereby certify that the said Helen Devane, doth declare on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that she did hear James Taylor, acknowledge that the within Will was his last Will and Testament, July

Rich^d Nixon. J.P.
Authy D. Borden. J.P.

New Hanover County } County Court
July Term 1806

The execution of the within Will of James Taylor was proved in Court by Thomas Devane and ordered to be registered.
Witness
Tho^s J. Davis. Clk.