

I John W^m Taylor of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory (thank the Lord for that) but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last ^{will} and testament in manner and form following, that is to say,

First That my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expences, together with my just debts, bursoers, and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Phoebe C. Taylor all the property of every description which I now own, to have and to hold to her the said Phoebe C. Taylor for and during the term of her widowhood. Should the said Phoebe C. Taylor cease to be my widow by marriage to another man, it is my will that the said property should be equally divided between her and my beloved children Ella J. Taylor, Lycurgus H. Taylor, William T. Taylor and James T. Taylor, to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever.

And lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Owen Pennell Esq. my lawful executor to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said John W^m Taylor do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 19th day of September A.D. 1863. Signed, sealed, and published by the said John W^m Taylor to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence, subscribe our names as witnesses, thereto.

Owen Pennell
A. Q. McDonald

John W. Taylor (Seal)

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court, Decr. Term, 1865.

This paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of John W. Taylor deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court, by Owen Pennell the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said John W. Taylor is proved by the oath and examination of W. W. Pennell, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing, and every part thereof,

is the last will and testament of the said John M. Taylor, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed: And thereupon the said Owen Pennell, executor as aforesaid, duly qualifies as such, by taking the oath required by law.

Testo

Wood Clerk.

I, James Fulton do give and bequeath to my niece Mary Catharine Fulton all property that I possess. The house and lot on 4th Street. The half of the journal building on Princess Street, and my half of the interest in that establishment. Witness my hand and seal this 12th day of December A.D. 1865.

James Fulton (Seal)

Inquired, sealed, published and declared to be the last will & testament of James Fulton in our presence, who at his request & in his presence subscribed the same as witness.

A. L. Price
C. M. Price

United States Internal Revenue Stamp amounting to Five Dollars. - Decem: Term 1865.

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court. Decem: Term 1865.

This paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of James Fulton deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court, and the due execution thereof, by the said James Fulton, is proved by the oath and examination of A. L. Price, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said James Fulton, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Testo

Wood Clerk.