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Be it remembered that I Joshua Taylor of the County of Rutherford State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of perfect sound mind & memory, (thanks be to Almighty God for his mercies) and calling to mind the mortality of the body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make, ordain and publish this my last will and testament;

First: and principally, I resign my soul to God that gave it, and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors. - I Secondly, that all my just debts be paid, and as to my worldly concerns, which God in his providence has bestowed on me; I give and bequest in the following manner following (to wit) To my daughter Mary Camp I give and bequeath one negro boy named Mickey, one negro girl called Catty, during her and her husband Elaborn Camp's lifetime and not to be subject to the payment of Elaborn and Mary Camp's debts or contracts, and at their death to be the property of their two daughters & their heirs to wit Vinny and Sarah Camp. - To my son Robert Taylor I give one Cow to be worth eight dollars. -

To my daughter Francis Stule, I give and bequeath one negro girl named Isbel and her child Jim & her increase from this time, and to remain in possession during her lifetime, not subject to the payment of Abraham Stule's debts during Francis Stule's lifetime. -

To my son Jere Taylor I give one Cow to be worth eight dollars, and a note of hand of forty dollars given by him to me, due eleven months after dated, dated 7<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1808 with the interest thereon. -

To my daughter Oliver Taylor I give and bequeath one negro boy named Tom, the tract of land on which I now live, containing several tracts and

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parts of tracts, all adjoining, or nearly so - for the Confirmation of which, see my Grants and deeds, including my Mills &c, her lifetime or marriage and in either case, & in either case that one half is to go to her son Miller Erwin Taylor. Also I give to Oliver one Cupboard and all the household & kitchen furniture (except such furniture as is otherwise disposed of) one horse tract of her own choice, three Cows and Calves, twelve cattle twenty head of hogs (if there should be that many) all the geese, three head of sheep, the one half of all the plantation tools that is in use or about the house at the time of my decease, the above named property devised to Oliver is to be subject to make fifty dollars to be paid to Miller Erwin Taylor when he arrives at the age of twenty one. - To my daughter Hannah Dickey I give and bequeath three negroes (namely) Sam, Matty & Betty. -

To my daughter Rhoda Gadd I give one negro girl named Linda and her increase from this time and a note of hand given by James Gadd payable to Joshua Taylor Sen. for ninety two dollars principal & interest eighty ~~dollars~~ dollars and ninety six cents, dated 8<sup>th</sup> day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1811 and a tract of land lying in Buncombe County which I purchased from James Gadd, if there is such land to be found. - To my daughter Nancy Christopher, I give one negro man named Mark, one negro boy named Lewis, three notes of hand given by William Christopher payable to Joshua Taylor making the sum of one hundred and twenty one dollar and eighty cents principal with the interest thereon, by said Christopher paying fifty dollars within two years after my decease. -

To my son in law Ezekiel Scoggins I give one Cow worth eight dollars and a note of hand given by him to me for twenty two shillings and six pence. -

To my daughter Sarah Grizzle I give one negro



boy called George, one other boy named Wilson, which is to be subject to the payment of fifty dollars to the proper use of Miller Ennis Taylor. - To my son Joshua Taylor I give and bequeath one negro man named Adam one woman called Eve & their increase from this time. One wagon & hind gear, one folding table one paper desk and one tract of land lying on Pullons Creek where William Allen now lives, be the same more or less.

To my grand child Miller E. Taylor, I give one negro girl named Finny (young) one bed and its necessary furniture, one small shot gun and forty dollars for to be appropriated to the education of said Miller, if said Miller Ennis Taylor shall die before he arrives at the age of twenty one years then the property divided to said Miller is to return to the estate & be divided between my seven daughters & their heirs equally. - To my grand children Ell. Cate Taylor and Rhoda Sutton I give a tract of land of one hundred acres lying on Mountain & Glycerons Creeks near where Jefe Taylor now lives to the use of them their lifetimes and then to their heirs - Should either of them die without living issue his or her share to go to the whole. - To my six grand children Tourist, Maria Ramon, Oliver, Sarah, Statia and Allira Scoggins (Children of Ezekiel and Rebecca Scoggins) that each one of them as they become of age shall have one hundred dollars each in money to bear interest from and after two years from the time of my decease and if any of them should not live to the age of twenty one years or not have an heir then his or her part to be divided among the survivors. - My will further is that my old negro woman Finny

may live with any of the Legates she may make choice of. - My will further is that there shall be three negroes sold, Tourist, John, Jack, & Luekey (if they should live and all other property that I have not divided or disposed of, agreeable to the tenor of my will, that the whole be sold to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months, by the purchaser giving bond and security and that my executors take a true account of all the monies due by note or otherwise from Legates & others, and collect the notes from the Legates, without interest before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and nineteen, together with all the money arising from the sale of all the property that is sold and what money I may die in possession of and apply the ~~annuity~~ money agreeable to the tenor of my will as before stated, and should there be any left, the balance to be equally divided between my seven daughters or their heirs (Tourist) Mary Leary, Francis Steele, Oliver Taylor, Hannah Dickey, Rhoda Gadd, Nancy ~~Grizzle~~ Christopher and Sarah Grizzle. - My wish further is that if any dispute should arise concerning my estate or the distribution agreeable to this my last Will, that such dispute shall be settled without a law suit by choosing five or seven men to be mutually chosen by each party. My wish further is that in order that my will shall be duly executed I do hereby nominate and appoint John Bradley, Thomas Edwards and Elias Lynch my executors to this my last Will and testament, disannulling and revoking all former wills and bequests by me at any time heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and this only as my last Will and testament



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In witness I Joshua Taylor have set my hand and seal this eighth day of March eighteen hundred & twenty seven (Enacted before a signed) also one hundred & thirty dollars in money). —

Signed, sealed, & published in presence of us, by Joshua Taylor at whose request we witness the same. —

Ben. H. Bradley (Jurat) }  
 Jas. O. Linnell (Jurat) } Joshua Taylor (Seal)  
 Elias Lynck (Jurat) }

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In the name of God Amen.

I Philip Davis of the State of North Carolina and Rutherford County being of sound and perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to Almighty God for the same. But being afflicted and knowing the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make this my last will and testament in manner & form following.

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. — I give and bequeath to my beloved son Robert Davis part of two tracts of land, joining part of an entry I made myself and part of a tract I got from Evan Watkins, Beginning at a Maple tree where land corner running a straight line to the hogpen branch, then running with said branch to the fork and running up the N. fork of said branch to the head then cornering on a stake, thence South to Evan Watkins' line thence West to Watkins' lower corner on a pine, then South West a Conditional line to Wafford's corner on a Chestnut thence N.W. running with Wafford's line crossing to a leaning white Oak then N.W. running down above said line to the beginning the same one hundred and forty acres more or less, also one horse

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bridle and saddle and great coat valued at eighty dollars to have and to hold the same to him & his heirs forever. —

2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Rhoda Davis one negro girl named Pol, one bed & furniture also a side saddle to her & her heirs forever. —

3<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Frances Davis one negro girl named Rose, one bed & furniture also a side saddle to her & her heirs forever. —

4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved son Jacob Davis one horse, bridle, cloak & saddle valued at eighty dollars, also one tract of land beginning on a Pine marked J. W. the Condition at corner Sharps' old line, running East a Conditional line to the creek, thence North down said Creek to the mouth of the Haystack branch, thence N. up S. branch to the butt, leaving of said branch running a straight line to the head on said branch thence up the branch to Watkins' line, then South with said line to Sharps' line thence round with said line to the beginning part of two tracts which I give all my interest to him and his heirs forever. —

5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved son William Davis one man saddle and bridle one cloak valued to eighty dollars, also a tract of land Beginning on a Pine Sharps' line marked J. W. running thence East a Conditional line crossing Luck's Creek and through the big meadow to Sharps' line, thence South to a Pine Sharps' corner thence with said line round to the beginning, I give all my right and interest to him and his heirs forever. —

6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah Davis, one bed and furniture and saddle, also the first living child my negro woman Vine has, to her and her heirs forever. —