

In the Name of God Amen, I Robert Joyce of
The County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being of
Sound Mind & Memory, but being sensible of my earthly
Existence about to close, do make this my last will and
Testament in form as follows, to wit,

Revoking all wills heretofore made by me.

Item 1st I desire that my just debts and burial expenses
be paid out of the first money that may come to hand.
Item 2nd, I desire that my Sister Martha Joyce shall have
that portion of my Land on the North Side of ~~the~~ South Fork
Creek, for her a residence as long as she lives, but she is
not to sell or dispose of it to any one, but the said Land is to
belong to the Original Tract, at her death but in case she
should leave a lawful heir then the heir or heirs of her body
shall inherit her portion of Land.

Item 3rd I desire that the Balance of my Estate including my
Land and everything else to be equally divided between my
Stephens & Sisters, Children of Felix G. Joyce formerly of
Rockingham County North Carolina.

Item 4th, I desire that my friend Joel Lunny shall act as my
Executor to this my last will and Testament.

In Testimony Whereof I Robert Joyce have hereunto set my hand
& seal this 12th day of September One Thousand Eight Hundred &
Sixty Three.

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged

Robert Joyce (Seal)
Wm. H. H. H.

in presence of us

Sam^l T. Ward

Thomas Joyce

Martha Bayles.

December Term 1863.

The Execution of the last will and Testament of Robert
Joyce, of which the foregoing is a true Copy, was duly proved
in open Court by the oath of Thomas Joyce & Martha Bayles
two of the subscribing witnesses, then and ordered to
be recorded.

Joel F. Hill C. C. C.

In the Name of God Amen.

I Josiah Taylor of Stokes County and State of North Carolina
being well advanced in age the thank God of Sound Mind and
disposing Memory and knowing that I am appointed unto me once
to die and as touching such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless
me with I hereby dispose of in the manner and form following to wit,
first I wish all my just debts to be paid which I may be owing
at the time of my decease. Secondly I give to my second wife
Elizabeth Taylor all my land and household and kitchen furni-
ture together with my stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs during
her natural life and after her death the land to be equally divided
by a north and south line, the west half I value to be worth two
hundred dollars, I desire to my four Daughters that are now single
namely Patsy Sally Nancy and Ellen and a Cow and feather bed
and furniture to each of them. The Eastern half of my Land
I desire my son William B. Taylor to have. and after my death and
before the death of my wife should any of my above named daughters
either think proper to separate from the family by marriage or otherwise
I wish them to have their proportionable parts forthwith. I have hereunto
given my son George Taylor ninety dollars. I have also in my life time given
to my two daughters Polly Vernon and Jane Ally and son William
fifty dollars each and out of the balance of my property I want
all my Children to be made equal with George and then divided
any remain and equal division among all my Children: and
lastly I constitute and appoint my son William B. Taylor Executor
of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills
by me made. In witness Whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal
this 20th of March 1842.

Signed sealed and Acknowledged

Josiah Taylor

in the presence of
Lemuel Joyce
Livingston Joyce
Winston Eading.

The words and son William
was intended before a signed

December Term 1863.

The Execution of the last will and Testament of Josiah
Taylor, of which the foregoing is a true Copy, was duly
proved in open Court by the of Winston Eading, and by
John Claxton who upon his oath proved the hand writing
of Lemuel Joyce & Livingston Joyce as the other subscribing
witnesses, then and ordered to be recorded.

Joel F. Hill C. C. C.