

John Evers Taylor's Last Will and Testament
(Wills Annals N^o. 44)

In the name of God, Amen.

I John Evers Taylor, being now in good health
After considering the uncertainty of this frail life have
thought it necessary to make this my last Will & Test.
before I go on my intended Voyage for London, which I
now do in the manner and form following. —
I give and bequeath my self to my most Gracious God & Redeemer
from whom I hope I shall receive eternal life & Salvation
whenever or wherever I die, whether ashore or at Sea
I give unto my ^{most} beloved Wife Agnes Taylor the House she
now lives in, with the Tello & Orchard adjoining to it
and all the Household Goods in it, and the Eight Pounds
Mr. W^m. Whitrow Owes me, and the Six Pounds I Mary
Trip Owes me, and the Six Pounds John Paddon me and
the Six Pounds William Rary Owes me, of the Sum the
due of she due before me, then I give Every of Hair.
garn Her to my dear Son Samuel & Eliza Cross &
Children to be Equally divided between those them
that shall survive me. Then I give unto my Son Samuel
and Eliza Cross & their Children the Twenty Pounds my S^r
Cousin Samuel Cross owes me, and the Interest of it to be
equally divided between those of them that shall survive me.
Then I give unto my Brother and Sister Walter and
their Children the one Hundred Pounds my said Brother
Walter Owes me, and the Interest of it to be equally
divided between those of them that shall survive me —
Then I give unto my Brother Samuel Taylor the Sixty Seven
pounds Mr. Samuel Everleigh of Charles Town in S^c. Carolina
owes

I then I order the Thirty seven Pounds which Mr. John Hardy of
 Exeter Owes me, to be kept in Mr. Hardy's or my Brother
 Walker's Hands, till my son in Law James Souden is at age
 and then to pay him out of it like twenty pounds I shall
 then owe him upon the Account of this Uncle Triple & the
 Thirty pounds I shall then owe him for his share of his
 Father's Estate, and if the said James Souden shall die
 before he is of age, then I give this Forty Pounds Mr.
 Hardy Owes me, to my Wife if she survive him, to dispose
 of it as she pleases, But if she should not survive him
 then I order the debts my Wife contracted in Exeter &
 Ipswich unknown to me to be paid out of it by my Brother
 Walker and my Brother Walker to have the Remainder
 himself. I then I give unto the Reverend Mr.
 Commissioner Johnston my aforesaid mare which I have
 left with the aforesaid Mr. James Snow & her increase
 viz. Rusty & do constitute and appoint my Brothers
 Benjamin Taylor, Edward Walker, & my cousin Samuel
 Crase Esqrs. of this my Last Will & Testament
 by which I disannull & make void of no Effect all
 my other Wills whatsoever. And for the full Consideration
 of this my Last Will & Testament I have hereunto affixed
 my sett my hand and seal this Twenty First day of
 April Anno Domini 1711.

Signed Sealed & Published by Eben Ezra
 Taylor for and as his Last Will & Testament.

Eben Ezra Taylor

In the presence of us who also subscribed

our names as Witnesses hereunto in the

presence of the s^d Eben Ezra Taylor

Richard Johnston.

Samuel Wragg.

Joseph Wragg.

By

Know Me that on the Seventeenth day of June
 in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred
 and Twenty one, at Charles Town in the Province afore-
 said before me, The Last Will & Testament of
 Eben Ezra Taylor Late of Berkeley County in the said
 Province deceased, the Copy whereof is to these Presents
 annexed was proved approved and allowed of; The said
 deceased having exhibited the said, and at the time of
 his Death Rurn Goods, Rights & Credits within
 the Province aforesaid by means whereof the ^{Adminis}tration
 and allowing of his Testament, and the ^{ing} ^{tion}
 the Administration of all & singular the ^{Repts}
 and Credits of the said deceased, and also the Auditing
 the accounts Calculations & Returnings of the said
 Administration and the final dismission and discharge
 from the same to me is manifestly known to belong
 and that the Administration of all and singular the
 Goods Rights and Credits of the said deceased, and
 his said Testament any manner of way concerning was
 committed unto Benjamin Taylor, Edw. Walker & ^{Crasse}
 named Executors in the said Will & Testament. ^{ing} ^{first}
 Sworn on the Holy Evangelists well & faithfully to
 administer the same and to make a full & perfect
 Inventory of all and singular the goods, rights &
 Credits of the said deceased, and to Exhibit the same,
 unto the Secretary's Office at Charles Town at or before
 the

Or any either of them whereupon any of the Goods
of the said Princes are or do remain within these parts
and places, which shall be shown to you by the said
Benjamin Taylor, Edward Walker & Saml. Crosse or Either
of them. And there View and Approve all & every the
said Goods: And first shew on the holy Evangelists
to make a full & perfect Inventory and Appraisement
thereof, and to return the same under your Hand or of
any three of you) into the Secretarys Office at Charles
Town at or before the Twenty fourth day of May
next ensuing.

To Saml. Everleigh Esq^r
Capt. Anthony Matthews
Rear^d John Heathcote
Wm. John & Knapworth

Given this Twenty fourth day of
February Anno Domini 1721 in
the Eighth Year of his Majesty's
Reign
J^r Michaelson.

and
Wm. John & Knapworth

By the Ex^{ch} Command,
John Hart Sec^y

Recorded Feb^r 28th 1721 J^r Lamboll
W^{ch} Sec^y

L B D
14 16 15

Brought Over

Notes
1716. July 31. Edward Warkley and Nathaniel New }
p. 14 Jan^y. 1721
1718 Oct^r. 16. Benjⁿ. Schencklingh & W^m. Elliott }
p. 11 Feb. 1721
1719 Dec^r. 16. Richard Godfrey & Sam^l. Everleigh }
p. 10 Dec^r. 1721

110 " " "

240 " " "

136 " " "

1904. 15 " "

A. B. There is a parcel of Books in the hands
of M^r. Peter Taylor which are not come to the
hands of M^r. Samuel Crossie so could not be
appraised.

This is a true Inventory and Appraisement of the Goods
& personal Estate of the aforesaid Ebenezer Taylor
decd which were shewed unto us by Samuel Crossie his
Executor. Witness our hands this Twelfth day of June
Anno Domini 1722.

Daniel Gale

George Ducat

Jm^s. Croskeys.

Recorded June the 12th 1722 p. The 5. Lumbal Dep^t. Sec^y

Indorsed on the Narrat^y of Appraisement annexed to the
Organizing Inventory and appraisement, Viz^t. " " "
South Carolina) Memorandum, That on this present
Twelfth day of June Anno Domini 1722, personally came
and appeared before me Thomas Hepworth Esq^r. one
of His Majesty's Justice of the Peace for Berkeley County
M^r. Daniel Gale, George Ducat and John Croskeys being
three of the appraisers appointed in and by the within
Warrant