

Richland District)

Benjamin F. Taylor of the District

and State aforesaid do make and ordain this my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all will or wills by me at any time heretofore made. Item 1st. I desire all my just debts to be paid and I direct the proceeds of my crops to be appropriated to that purpose; Also the following Real Estate, which I hereby Empower and direct my Executors(to be hereinafter named) to sell at public or private sale as they may deem best viz: That part of the Grub Field Plantation (including the Mill and Mill Tract on Rocky Branch, and all the land lying North of the Mill Pond) which lies North of Granby Lane or the Road to Granby Ferry, including also all the Town Lots and Street conveyed to me by the Superintendent of Public Works: that is to say up to William C. Hunts farm and the Estate of Mrs. Sarah Taylors Land on the side west to the Town of Columbia, Also all my land situated within the corporate limits of the Town of Columbia, and the immediate vicinity, Except two Acres on which the old House Stands where my father the late Col. Thomas Taylor resided in his life time Also Except two acres more around the family and Negro burying ground. If the proceeds of the sales of of the said real Estate and Crops be not sufficient to pay my debts, then I authorize and direct my said Executors to sell either at public or private sale, for the purpose of paying said debts, my white Acre Plantation, bought by me from Col. John S. Preston and containing about one thousand acres. Item 2nd. To my son Thomas Taylor I give the old House place in the Town of Columbia, containing two acres, as above reserved Also the two acres reserved around the burying ground in fee simple forever. I also give devise and bequeath unto my said son Thomas Taylor in fee simple for ever, McGrew, Collins and Cobb Tracts of Land bequeathed to me by my father the late Colonel Thomas Taylor in his last will and testament: Also that part of the Manigault Land,

embraced in a straight line, commencing on the River, at the dividing corner between the land bequeathed to me by my father and the Manigault Land, and running on the old line to the outside of the swamp, from thence upon the margin of the swamp to Poplar Branch where it Enters into the swamp, and from thence to the South Carolina Rail Road.

Item 3. To my son Benjamin Walter Taylor I give, devise and bequeath in fee Simple for Ever, the Manigault Plantation(Excluding the part above devised to my son Thomas Taylor) Also the Tract of Land I purchased of James M. Daniels South of Rocky Branch. Also that part of the Crab Field Plantation which lies South of Granby Lane.

Item 4th. I will and direct that the Land above devised to my sons Thomas Taylor, and Benjamin Walter Taylor be valued by disinterested persons to be selected by my Executors(to be hereinafter appointed) and the appraised value of the whole divided into five Equal parts or shares: and I will and direct that my said Sons Thomas Taylor and Benjamin Walter Taylor pay over to their three sisters three of said Shares: viz one of said Shares or fifth parts to Virginia Green, wife of Haloot P. Green; one of said Shares or fifth parts to Nannie W. Mazyok wife of William St. J. Mazyok: and one of said Shares or fifth parts to Sally Coles Taylor.

Item 5th. To my wife Sally W. Taylor, I give, devise and bequeath in fee Simple for Ever, my residence called Edge Hill, and the four hundred Acres of Land thereunto attached. I also give and bequeath unto my said wife the following Slaves viz: Lewis and Eliza, Sam and Betty and their Children(except Marian a negro girl heretofore given to Mrs Mazyok. Also all my household and kitchen furniture and my horses and carriage. I also will and desire that my said wife Sally W. Taylor be amply supported out of my Estate, in

the manner and style in which she has been accustomed to live and to have the use of the house servants during the term of her natural life, and I hereby direct my said sons Thomas Taylor and Benjamin Walter Taylor to make ample provision out of my Estate for the support of my said wife and her household during the term of her natural life.

Item 6th. I will and direct that all my negroes (Except those herein specifically bequeathed) be divided Equally among my five Children Thomas Taylor, Benjamin Walter Taylor, Virginia Green wife of Halcot P. Green, Nannie W. Mazyok wife of W. St. J. Mazyok, and Sally Coles Taylor, to them and their heirs for Ever.

Item 7th. To my son Thomas Taylor I give and bequeath the following slaves and their increase viz: Billy Smart, Holland (the Tailor) and Sancho.

Item 8th. To my son Benjamin Walter Taylor I give and bequeath the following slaves and their increase viz: Carpenter Prince, Hannah his wife, and their children (Except Jenney) also Eve and William James Phoebe and John Children of Hannah Thompson.

Item 9th. To my daughter Nannie W. Mazyok I give and bequeath the following slaves and their increase viz: July (brother of Eve) and Jenney and her two children.

Item 11th. In making the division of my negroes among my children under the Sixth Clause of this my last will and testament, I desire that the negroes herein specifically bequeathed to my said children, and also any negroes heretofore advanced by me to Either of my said children at any time, be valued and taken into the Estimate in making said division, so as to make an Equal and Equitable partition of the whole.

Item 12th. I will and desire that the shares of my Estate both real and personal herein given and devised to my mar-

the share of Sally Coles Taylor be held by my said Executors until the said Sally Coles shall marry, and after her marriage by her husband, in trust for the sole and separate use of my said daughter respectively and not subject to the debts, contracts or liabilities of the present or any future husband of my said daughters, for and during the terms of their natural lives respectively, and after their respective deaths then in trust for such child or children, as my said daughters may respectively leave living at the time of their death, share and share alike and in fee simple for ever: The child or children of a deceased child taking the share its or their parent would have been Entitled to if living. And in case either of my said daughters should die without leaving a child or children or the child or children of a deceased child living at the time of her death, then her share of said Estate to be divided among her next of kin and distributees, according to the statute of Distribution of this State.

Item 13th. In the division of my negroes among my children as above provided I desire that as far as practicable, ¹ families be kept, ^{together} and that old and infirm negroes be permitted to go with their families and be kindly treated.

Item 14th. Any of the Estate of which I may die possessed not herein before divided and bequeathed, and any surplus which may remain ^u of the proceeds of my lands which I have directed to be sold for the payment of my debts, after the payment of said debts, I will and desire to be Equally divided among my five children share and share alike, in fee simple for Ever.

Item 15th. Lastly, I nominate constitute and appoint my two Sons Thomas Taylor, and Benjamin Walter Taylor Executors of this my last will and testament. I also nominate constitute and appoint my friend John T. Goodwyn one of the Executors of this my last will and testament.

B. F. Taylor.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the testator
B. F. Taylor as his last will and testament in our presence
who in his presence and in the presence of each other and
at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Dani. H. Trezevant

Allen J. Green

Edward J. Arthur

South Carolina) Personally appeared Edward J. Arthur

Richland District) Esq. and made Oath that he saw

¹
Benjamin F. Taylor Sign Seal publish pronounce and declare
the foregoing Instrument of writing to be his last Will and
Testament that he was then of Sound and disposing memory
according to the best of this Deponents knowledge and belief
and that he with Daniel H. Trezevant and Allen J. Green at
the request of the Testator in his presence and in the pre-
sence of each other witnessed the due execution thereof

Edward J. Arthur.

Sworn to before me

24 May 1852.

James S. Guignard.

Ordinary.

Thomas Taylor

John T. Goodwyn

B. F. Taylor died 14 May 1852.

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