

State of New Jersey 1855
Carter County 3 County Court, Clerk's Office 3 June 1855
Then was the Last Will and Testament of Alfred
M. Carter read Exhibited and proven in open Court
by the Subscribing Witnesses Thos (Trust) Wm & Oliver
William S. Murphy and Appella More

Which is in words and figures as following

Elizabeth Carter County, New Jersey
January 31st 1855

In the name of God Amen I Alfred M. Carter of the County
of Carter, and State of New Jersey, being of sound mind and memory
but weak of body; knowing that it is appointed unto all
men once to die, do make and appoint this to be my
Last Will and Testament

I give my soul to God who gave it to be disposed of
according to the good pleasure of his will

I do hereby nominate and appoint Udena B. Carter
Samuel B. Carter, Allen B. Carter & and James B. Carter, to be
my Executors and Executrix

Trusting such wondrously estate as it hath pleased
God to bless favour me with I dispose of it in the fol-
lowing manner

1. all my just debts I request to be paid by my
Executrix and Executors. In order that they may be able
to do this, I desire that they shall have full power and
authority to sell and dispose of any part or all of my personal
or real property at private sale, and to the best advan-
tage. However should my Executors and Executrix believe
that by continuing my business as it was conducted before
my decease, they will be able to pay all my debts without
disposing of any part of my personal property, or real
estate I do hereby give them the entire Control

of the whole of my estate both personal and real for the space
of five years if so much be necessary, in order to accomplish
the object allowing to them a fair and reasonable com-
pensation for their labours. Provided ~~therein~~ herein how-
ever that my Executors and Executors, either jointly or
separately, shall not be accountable to any of my heirs
for any misfortune arising from bad trading or from
any other source of loss which is beyond their control.

I after my debts are paid I wish that my wife
Cordelia Carter, shall enjoy the use of my farm which
lies on the Watonga River, (being a part of a tract of
land containing six hundred and forty acres which
was originally granted to Samuel Carter) together with
my dwelling house, lots of ground in and about Elizabethtown,
with the forge and mills, and all the machinery
attached thereto, and also that she shall the entire con-
trol and use of all my Slaves, during her natural life.

I wish that my property of whatever kind which
remains after the payment of my debts be equally
divided between the following persons (To wit) Daniel
Carter, the heirs of my Daughter Elizabeth & Rhoda
Carter Samuel P Carter, Leon B Carter and James P
Carter. With the following exceptions To wit Daniel

Carters to receive four thousand and no more £ Sterling

II Carter three thousand £ Sterling than either of my
other Children in as much as ^{as} formerly gave to them
the sum of attached to each of their names above.

The heirs of Elizabeth & Rhoda to receive one sixth part
of my estate after the debts I owe have been paid.

= 4 I desire at the final division of my estate
(that is after the death of my wife) all my Slaves
shall form a portion of the property that shall

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fall to the lot of Samuel P Carter Senr & Carter Jr and
Samuel P Carter as wish to prevent there being them
in numerous hands. Witness my hand and seal
Vernon 1st day 1845. S M Carter (senr)

Wm L Murphy
Nene P Brown
Agula Moore

There was the last will and Testament of
Jonathan Taylor, Decd exhibited and proved
in open Court by the subscribing witnesses
there to, to wit: David Taylor and Charles M
Taylor 5th December 1842.

In the name of God Amen I Jonathan
Taylor being weak in body, but of sound mind
and memory, and knowing that it is appointed
for all once to die, do make and publish this my
last will and Testament, to be in the following
manner touching such worldly estate as I am
possessed of after all just debts being paid my will
is that my beloved Barbara Taylor have during
her widowhood state, have, occupy, possess and
enjoy for her use, and for the use of the minor heirs
all that tract or parcel of land whereon I now live
and all my youngest son William Brown being
then under the age of twenty one I further my