

# Thomas Gwin's Will Continued.

now English learning and to learn him to work to be paid by my two sons one daughter to wit, Matthew David Polly Margaret and that my two sons & daughters to wit, David, Matthew, Polly, Margaret shall have all my household & Kitchen furniture of every kind and all my stock of every kind and the Cash or Cash note that is or hand of ever kind. Thirdly and lastly I appoint Joseph Crouch my Executor of this my last and Testament signed and sealed in the presence of this 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1855.

Matthew S. Gwin

David S. Gwin

J. H. D. G. <sup>Seal</sup>  
G. W. G.

The foregoing will was proven in open Court at August Term 1855, by Matthew S. Gwin and David S. Gwin the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

# John Saylor's Will.

C<sup>o</sup>. John Saylor being of sound ~~and~~ disposing mind but weak of body & viewing the uncertainty of life do make & ordain to establish this as my last Will & Testament.

I give my soul to God to be disposed of according to his good pleasure. My body I require my Executors hereinafter named to bury in a Christian like manner by the side of my beloved wife.

As to the estate real & personal with which providence has blessed me I do hereby dispose of the same as follows, to wit;

First as to my First Mill and plantation on which said mill is situated lying on Sinking Creek now occupied by my son Isaac Saylor containing about one hundred and fifty — nine acres more or less composed of two parcels, to wit; the Humphreys place and a nine acre entry made by me, I do hereby authorize, empower and direct my Executor herein after appointed to expose to public sale and sell after giving due notice of time & place of sale, for the most it will bring in money say current bank notes, one third of the amount of said sale to be paid down & the residue to be paid in equal installments in one, two & three years. Bond and good security to be required for the sum not paid down and a Lien to be retained on the premises until the last payment is made, upon a sale of said premises to a compleat with the terms herein stipulated; My Executors are hereby fully authorized & empowered to convey said plantation & first mill with a warranty of the title retaining a lien as herein before pointed out, or execute a Bond for Title after the last payment is made.

Secondly— I give and bequeath to my son Godfrey Saylor my

daughter Sarah Saylor equally my home farm & saw mill lying on Sinking Creek containing about one hundred and twenty five acres more or less composed of different parcels to be and remain their property to their heirs & assigns forever, in fee simple. The interest herein given to the said Sarah Saylor is for her sole use separate & apart from her husband should she ever marry with full power to dispose of the same by gift or otherwise as she may see proper. This bequest to the said Godfrey and Sarah Saylor is rate at twelve hundred dollars to the two, considering said farm & improvements worth twelve hundred Dollars.

Thirdly, I authorize & empower & direct my Executors herein after appointed to sell upon the same terms & conditions that are herein before stipulated as to my First Mill and plantation upon which my son Godfrey Saylor now lives commonly called the Rumble place containing about one hundred and thirty four acres purchased by me of William Smith.

Fourthly— I give and bequeath to Sally Saylor widow of my son John Saylor in Trust to be equally divided between herself & the children of my said son John, whose name I do not know, Four hundred dollars in current bank notes, should any child or children of the said John be married or herselfe marry and die leaving a child or children, then & in that event the child or children of the deceased are to represent the parents & the said Sally is hereby required to distribute to said child or children of the deceased whatever sum the said parent would have been entitled to of this bequest should he or she be living.

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Howard wife of John Howard six hundred Dollars in current bank notes with full power to receive and dispose of the same as she may see proper. This bequest is given to the said Elizabeth for her sole use separate & apart from her husband John Howard and her individual receipt shall be a good transfer to my Executors.

Sixth. Whereas I have heretofore made advancements to my son in law George Kelly, Lemuel Bogart & William Odle and in some instances hold their receipt and in some of them hold notes which notes money received for was designed by me advancements, now it is my will that Nancy Kelly, wife of the said George Kelly, Hannah Bogart wife of the said Lemuel Bogart and Margaret Odle wife of the said William Odle be each paid by my Executor such sum in current bank notes as may be found due them on settlement rating my legacy to each of them at six hundred dollars and deducting therefrom the respective advancements to the last

# John Taylor's Will contn.

that is to say, I give to each of my before mentioned daughters Six hundred Dollars but the advancements heretofore made to the husband must be deducted therefrom and be considered as an advancement to them of such portion of this my gift as their husbands have heretofore rec'd - the respective amounts each advanced will appear by notes & receipts now on file amongst my papers.

Seventh, I give and bequeath to my son William Taylor Six hundred Dollars, but the amount of notes I hold on him must be deducted therefrom, Having designed the amount of said notes as an advancement to him.

Eighth - I have heretofore advanced my son Henry Taylor five hundred Dollars & hold his receipt therefor. Now to make him equal with my other children I give & bequeath to him One hundred Dollars in current Bank notes.

Ninth, I give and bequeath to my son Abraham Taylor Six hundred dollars in current Bank notes. But the notes I hold on him must be deducted therefrom without any calculation of interest on said notes, the same having been designed by me as an advancement.

Tenth, I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Taylor Six hundred Dollars in current bank notes But a note I hold on him for one hundred Dollars must be deducted therefrom. My Executrix are not to count interest on said note.

Eleventh, I give & bequeath to my Grandchildren Godfrey Taylor & Sophronia Taylor Heirs of my Son Joseph Taylor dec'd. Six hundred Dollars in current bank notes that is to say I give to each of them Three hundred dollars.

Twelfth, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Taylor one of my house beasts, she to have choice also one cow she to have choice also give her as much of my household & Kitchen furniture as she may esteem necessary for her comfort & happiness, two beds, bedsteads & bed clothing to be included.

Fourteenth I give and bequeath to Sophronia Smith wife of William Smith, Sarah Gilley & Catherine Gilley all children of my daughter Polly Gilley six hundred Dollars in current bank notes that is to say I give to each of them two hundred Dollars.

Fifteenth, The nominal legacies herein given are not to be considered due until funds can be collected and are not to bear interest, but pro rata division of funds as they may come to the hands of my Executrix from any source must be made among legatees.

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Sixteenth - That no injustice may be done any of my children, I do hereby direct my Executrix not to carry interest on any advancements made by me & should I have in any bequest directed to state in what sort of funds legacies are to be paid, I now state that all may be on equal footing that any current bank notes are to be received by legatees.

Seventeenth, Among property not specifically bequeathed, I require my Executrix to sell at Public Sale to aid in paying legacies, I wish my legacies paid by proceeds of M<sup>r</sup>'s property the public place, personal property on hand, money due me & on hand to sell.

Eighteenth, should it turn out after paying the legacies herein given that there is surplus money on hand over and above the costs of the administration of my Estate then and in that event I wish the same equally divided between my heirs except the heirs of my son Joseph Taylor, the Heirs of Polly Gilley & the heirs of my son John Taylor as I have given them as much as I design for them.

Nineteenth, I do hereby revoke all former wills made by me. Twentieth, Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Sons Henry Taylor and Abraham Taylor Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and do hereby request the County Court not to require security of them for the administration of my Estate. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this 3<sup>d</sup> day of November 1854.

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged "J. F. Taylor" B  
w<sup>m</sup> presence  
A. W. Taylor  
Henry Johnson  
E. McClellan.