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Andrew Taylors Will

In the Name of God Amen May 22^d day 1787. I Andrew Taylor of Washington
County and State of North Carolina being very sick and weak of body but in perfect Mind &
Memory thanks be given to God, therefore calling to mind the Mortality of the body and
knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die do make and Ordain this my last will
and testament. That is to say, I recommend and first of all I give & recommend my soul into
the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a
Christian Manner at the discretion of the executors to be named here but at the general
resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God that gave it and
touching such worldly goods and estate wherewith I hath pleased the almighty God to
bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following
Manner - and I am well allowing all such debts to be paid by my executors I give &
bequeath to my dear my beloved wife all my household furniture that I shall own the
young bald man to be at her disposal I know & agree much I want to belong
to her during my wifes natural life and likewise the dwelling house all the appurte-
nances belonging thereto together with a sufficient Maintenance & support during her
time in this life I give and bequeath to my beloved son Isaac Taylor the full and
full sum of five Shillings Sterling currency & I give & bequeath to my beloved son
David McCall the full and full sum of five Shillings Sterling currency & I give &
bequeath to my beloved son William Taylor the full and full sum of five Shillings
of the tract of land that I dwell on now to be equally divided in quantity and
quality between my son Andrew & Nathaniel to be divided by a line of as many of my

I give and bequeath to my beloved son Andrew Taylor his heirs and assigns the one half
of the tract of land that I now do now own to be equally divided in quantity and
quality between my son Andrew & Nathaniel to be divided by a line or as many other
as may answer the nature of dividing as above described so as my son Andrew may
have the upper end of the tract joining Baringhams line excepting the improvement
which I reserve during the natural life of my wife not referring to the improvement
that my son Andrew now has made when said land comes to be divided the shall consider
the land improved to be as land not improved and cultivated but as wood land and to be
divided equally then in quantity and quality as if the land then was in the woods —
I give and bequeath to my beloved son Matthew Taylor and his heirs assigns six hundred & forty
acres of land being the land that I purchased of some Isaac Taylor Surveyor likewise his riding
horse the mare known by the name of the Talbot filly I give and bequeath to my
beloved son Nathaniel Taylor his heirs and assigns the half of the tract of land that I now
own to be equally divided between my son Nathaniel & Andrew as before described
Wherein one wagon with every thing of utensils belonging to the said wagon likewise all
whorls of husbandry to me in any manner & form belonging likewise I do give and
bequeath all my stock of horse Cattle & little belonging to me except those already
willed to my son Matthew & my beloved wife to the aforesaid son Nathaniel Taylor
and I likewise do give & bequeath to the aforesaid son Nathaniel one stile that now
is in the hands of Matthew Talbot to be put for the use of the family to my youngest
child Rhoda be of age then to belong to said Nathaniel Taylor his heirs & assigns I
likewise do give & bequeath to the aforesaid Nathaniel Taylor his heirs & assigns all
lands and tenements in any manner and form belonging to me not referring to the
already willed to my son Matthew and I do give and bequeath

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Son Nathaniel Taylor has and assigns all my flock of sheep now belonging to me
and likewise all the other incidents to the use of the family likewise I do give to my
aforesaid son Nathaniel one vote for six hundred and forty weight of Salt To be applied
to the use of the family. My aforesaid beloved son Nathaniel Taylor is to find a sufficient
maintenance and support for my beloved wife Ann during her life & likewise a
sufficient support and maintenance for my two daughters Rebecca & Rhoda and
likewise a sufficient support for a Negro wench named Poll & her issue together with the
child the Negro wench has now to the youngest child Rhoda comes of age
I do give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Rebecca Taylor and the heirs of her body
one Negro boy named Harry and if my said daughter Rebecca Taylor should die
without any issue of her own body the said Negro boy Harry shall descend from my
said daughter Rebecca to my son Nathaniel Taylor his heirs and assigns and if the
said Negro boy Harry should die before the marriage of my P daughter Rebecca
Taylor then she and the heirs of her own body shall be entitled to the choice of a
Negro child of the issue of the Negro wench, Poll if she ever after this should have
any - I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Rhoda Taylor one Negro wench
named Poll after the decease of my beloved wife to descend to my said daughter
Rhoda & the heirs of her own body and likewise one Negro child of the issue of
said wench to descend to my P daughter Rhoda Taylor and the heirs of her own
body and the remainder of the issue of P Negro wench if she ever should have
more than has been mentioned should descend to my son Nathaniel Taylor his heirs
~~and assigns~~ and if my daughter Rhoda should die without any heir
of her own body the Negro wench Poll and the issue of said wench

Negro child of the issue of the Negro woman, both of the issue after this should have
any - I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Rhoda Taylor one Negro woman
named Poll after the death of my beloved wife to descend to my said daughter
Rhoda & the heirs of her own body and likewise one Negro child of the issue of
said woman to descend to my P daughter Rhoda Taylor and the heirs of her own
body and the remainder of the issue of P Negro woman of the issue should have
more than has been mentioned should descend to my son Nathaniel Taylor his heirs
~~and assigns~~ and if my daughter Rhoda should die without issue
of her own body the Negro woman Poll and the said Negro child of my
shall descend to my son Nathaniel Taylor his heirs and assigns and I do
constitute and Ordain my true and trusty friends & sons David McNabb
and Isaac Taylor executors of this my last will and testament & I do
hereby utterly disallow revoke and annul all and every other wills -
testaments bequest and bequest and executors by me in any ways before
named wills bequeathed ratifying confirming this my last will and
testament & no other - when of I have hereunto set my hand & seal
the day and year first above written

Andrew Taylor

Signed said published pronounced
declared by the said

witness present
John Heider
William English

The foregoing will was proven in Open Court at
November 1787. David McNabb & Isaac
Taylor executors qualified