

## Abraham Tayloe Will

In the name of God amen, I Abraham Taylor of Bertie County being in perfect mind and disposing memory thanks be to God for it knowing my time in this life to be short, I do make and ordain this my last will and testament, first I recommend my soul to God that gave it, secondly my body to the earth at the discretion of my executors and touching such worldly estate wherewith it have pleased Almighty God to help me with in this life, I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann Taylor two beds and furniture, one desk one chest, two tables, one dozen chairs, one case and bottles, one half of all my buffet furniture, one box iron and heaters, two iron pots and hooks, one frying pan, one dutch oven, one skillet, one pair fire tongs, one pair fire dogs, one pair pott and trammels, one candle stick, one candle mole, one candle box and snuffers, one loom and gear, two spinning wheels and cards, two hatchets, two tubs, two pots, two piggins, one looking glass, one griddle, one horse or mare, which she may choose one side saddle one yoke of oxen cart of wheels, three cows and calves four head of young cattle three sows and pigs, and ten head of young hogs, three ewes and lambs and all the yard stock one half of all my corn and other grain and one half of my pork beef and bacon, all of my flax and cotton, three pewter dishes, three basons six pewter plates one dozen spoons to her and her heirs forever.

2nd I lend unto my said wife Ann Taylor during her natural life my manner plantation, one thrice part of house room except furniture lend unto my said wife two hundred and seventy five acres of land I bought of Benjamin Warren, one negro man named Boof one negro woman \_\_\_\_\_ all the land and plantation carried forward I bought of Jonathan Thomas and the swamp land adjoining all my land on the west side of the great branch.

I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Taylor the plantation of land adjoining thereto that I bought of Thomas Holliday in Martin County one cow and calf and after my wife deceased one negro woman named Cherry and twenty pounds currency to him and his heirs forever. I lend unto my grandchild David Taylor son of Kinchen Taylor deceased during his life the plantation and land I bought of Amos Hail and that part of the land I bought of William W. Wynns lying in the fork of the great branch including the plantation where William Hobbs Turnage formerly lived as far as a hickry tree standing in the plantation thence across the rooty branch including all that part of said Wynns land on the east side of the rooty branch and at the said David's decease if he leaves any lawful heirs begotten of his body then I give the aforesaid lent land and premises to him but if said David should die without any lawful heirs begotten of his body then I give and bequeath the aforesaid lent land and premises to Benjamin Taylor and George Taylor or the survivor of them until the said David Tayloe arrives to the years of twenty-one or marries.

I give the privilege of said lent land to Benjamin Taylor except cutting of any new boxes or clearing any ground or tending any one piece of ground two years without intermission for the privilege of said land Benjamin Taylor is take care of the house and pay taxes for said land. I give to my grandchild my old hunting gun call Black Stock

I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Taylor one hundred acres of land I bought of Josiah Freeman and seventy-five acres of land part of the three hundred acres I bought of William Walker Wynnes, adjoining the land formerly belonged to Matthew Mitchell, Jacob Freeman the main road, and one third part of all the house room on my manner plantation, one brandy still and utensils, one mare and colt half of all my bacon, pork, beef, corn and all other grain ten head of hogs, two cows and calves, and four head of young cattle, two sows and pigs, one feather bed and furniture two walnut tables one chest one saddle, one horse cart and wheels one iron pot, all the cooper tools, one peuter dish, one bason, three pewter plates, six spoons and after my wife

decease, I give him one negro man named Coof and the plantation where on I now live so as to include two hundred and seventy five acres of land that I bought of Benjamin Warren likewise the land plantation I bought of Jonathan Thomas, including all the land lying on the west side of the great branch. I lend unto my son Benjamin Taylor during his mother's life, one negro woman named Bett. I give unto my son Benjamin Taylor three ewes of lambs and three young sheep to him and his heirs forever.

I lend unto my son George Taylor during his natural life all that land and plantation I bought of Nathan Tart and one hundred acres of land I bought of Benjamin Warren joining on two sides of said Tarts land likewise the plantation wherein John Thomas formerly lived with the remainder part of the land I bought of William W. Wynns, not before given to my grandson David Taylor and Benjamin Taylor, but if my son George Taylor at his decease should leave a lawful heir or heirs begotten of his body then I give and bequeath the above lent land and premises unto them but in case he should die without leaving a lawful begotten heir of his body then I give and bequeath the aforesaid lent land and premises to my son Benjamin. I give and bequeath unto my son George Taylor one feather bed and furniture one chest one pewter dish, one bason three pewter plates six spoons one iron pot one young horse and saddle two cows and calves two ewes and lambs two sows and pigs to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Winnefred Sparkman one negro boy named Elisha and one negro girl named Hannah called little hanner to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Issebella Witherington one negro woman named Hanner one negro girl named Lucy and thirty pounds currency to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Kiddy Fleetwood one bed and furniture one square walnut table one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Penelope Fleetwood twenty shillings sterling to her and her heirs forever.

All my unmentioned property is to be divided between my wife and five children, after paying my debts and granddaughter Ann Taylor, Richard Taylor, Benjamin Taylor, George Taylor, Winnifred Sparkman, Isabella Witherington Kiddy Fleetwood. After my wife's decease the negro woman Bett is to be sold and equally divided between my five children and grandchild Kiddy Fleetwood. Lastly I constitute and appoint my wife Ann Taylor and my two sons Richard Taylor and Benjamin Taylor and my brother David Taylor executors to this my last will and testament and I do hereby disallow disannull, revoke, and all and every other will or wills legacies and bequests whatsoever in any wise before made by me ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day November 1801 interlined before executed

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Morgan Outlaw, Wright Outlaw, and Lavina Outlaw Wynns M. Daniel Wynns

Abram Tayloe