

James Tayloe's Will No. 243

In the name of God amen I James Tayloe of Bertie county and state of North Carolina being in perfect mind and memory and knowing my time in this life to be but short I have a desire to dispose of my property in the following manner. I give and bequeath to my son Mills Tayloe one negro man Harry to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Leander Tayloe the following land lying in Hertford County beginning at a persimon tree and Thomas Jones's line thence running a strait course to the mouth of found Branch thence up the said Branch to Abraim Harmon's line thence along Harmon's line to Jones's corner and thence along Jones's line to the first station To him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son John Tayloe the following land lying in Hertford County beginning at a pine in Leander Tayloe's line thence along a line of marked trees to Abner Perry's line thence to _____ corner around pocosin thence along a line of marked trees to a white oak Augustain Jenkins' corner thence along Thomas Jones's line to a pine at corner thence along a line of marked trees to a persimmon tree Leander Tayloe's corner and thence along Leander Tayloe's line to the first station to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Richard Rhodes Tayloe the following land lying in Hertford Co beginning at the mouth of the found Branch in ahoaskey swamp thence running up to said swamp above mango Island to a branch Abner Perry's line thence up the main run of said Branch to John Tayloe's corner a white oak thence along John Tayloe's line to a pine in Leander Tayloe's line and thence along Leander Tayloe's line to the first station. Also I give unto him sixty dollars in money to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to Jonathan Moore Tayloe the tract of land that I bought of Jake Hail also the Tract of land that I bought of Thomas Corbit adjoining the other tract to him and his heirs forever.

I lend unto my wife Sarah Tayloe during her natural life or widowhood the following property the land where on I now live and all my land adjoining said tract. I also lend unto her one man George and one negro woman named Esther during her life or widowhood also I give unto my wife Sarah Tayloe one horse Bridle and Saddle two cows and calves two sows and pigs two ewes and lambs two wheels one loom and a gear two pots and one dutch oven two feather beds and furniture forty barrels of corn twelve hundred weight of pork and fifty dollars in money to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Robert Redick Tayloe one negro boy named Chance and all the land where on I now live and the land adjoining of the said tract after the death or widowhood of my wife Sarah Tayloe. I also give him one tract of land that I bought of Thomas Holder containing seventy acres more or less to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Treasey Harmon one negro man named Nathan to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Dunning two hundred dollars in money to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Christian Harmon one negro woman named Rachel to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Isabel Bird two hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Tayloe one negro boy named _____ to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Tempty Tayloe one negro boy named _____ to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Tayloe one negro girl named Penny to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Margaret Bunch fifty dollars to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Christian Holder fifty dollars to her and her heirs forever.

The negroes that I have lent to my wife Sarah Tayloe after her death or widowhood I leave them to be sold and the money equally divided among all my children except my son John Tayloe. Furthermore all the remaining part of my property that is not given in legacies I leave to be sold and after my just debts are paid I leave the balance to be equally divided among my sons and daughters except my son John Tayloe.

Lastly I constitute and appoint Abraim Harmon Leander Tayloe John Rice and John Holder Exceutors to my last will and Testament I do hereby disolve disannull and revoke all other will or wills in any wise before me maid Rattifying and confirming this and no other To be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have here untold my hand and seal this Twentysixth day of December in the year of our lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Twenty Two.

James Holder
Kinchen T. Pruden
David Rice
Richard R. Tayloe

State of North Carolina
Bertie County Court February Term 1833

This last will and Testament of James Tayloe was proved in open court by the oaths of Kinchen T. Pruden and David Rice two of _____ will and at the same time Leander Tayloe one of the exceutors _____ qualified as such - let it be recorded Teste E. A. Rhodes Clk.