

Leander Tayloe's Will

In the name of God Amen. I Leander Tayloe of the County of Hertford and state of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory calling to mind the certainty of death and knowing it to be appointed of God for all men to die, do make publish and declare this my last will and testament dividing and apportioning my estate in manner and form as follows

First I give and bequeath unto my son William S. Tayloe the land of plantation that I bought of John S. Jones it being the same land that said son William lives upon and fifty dollars in cash to him and his heirs forever.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my son David Tayloe the tracts of land that I bought of Wiley and King L. Jones known as the Thomas Jones tract and the sum of two-hundred dollars in cash to him and his heirs forever.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my two sons James and Langley Tayloe equally the land and plantation whereon I now live individing the Richard Tayloe tract and separated from the Jones tract by the Windsor road. I also give unto the said son Langley Tayloe fifty dollars in cash to him and his heirs forever.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Celia Williford wife of Henry Williford on Negro boy named Jack and Seventy-Five Dollars in cash to her and her heirs forever.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Tayloe one Negro boy named Stephen to her and her heirs forever.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Tayloe one Negro boy named Henry to her and her heirs forever.

Seventhly, it is my will and desire that all of my Negroes not given away in the above named legacy and the one lent to my daughter Celia Williford when she left this state should be equally divided between all of my living children William S. Tayloe, James Tayloe, David Tayloe, Langley Tayloe, Celia Williford, Elizabeth Tayloe, and Mary Tayloe to them and their heirs forever.

Eighthly, it is my will and desire that all of my estate not given away in my last will and testament should be sold by my Executors herein after named and the proceeds applied first to the payment of my just debts and burial expenses then the balance after paying the legacy herein bequeathed to be equally divided between and of my named children share and share alike to them and their heirs forever.

Ninthly and Lastly, I nominate, constitute and appoint my two sons William S. Tayloe and James Tayloe Executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Leander Tayloe do here unto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of March, 1846.

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of us

Jesse C. Powell
Abner T. Perry

State of North Carolina
Hertford Co.