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North Carolina        ]  
Mecklenburg County ] March 8th 1800

In the name of God Amen

I **JOHN TAYLOR** of the county of Mecklenburg and state of North Carolina being very sick but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, I do make this my last will and testament.

First I commit my soul to God that gave it in hope of acceptance through Jesus Christ and my body to the dirt. And as to my earthly property I will and devise it in the following manner:

I will that all my just and lawful debts that I have to be the first paid within a reasonable time after my decease.

I give and bequeath to **MARGARET** my beloved wife a comfortable maintenance of this my farm and the half of this my dwelling house as long as she remains I widow. I also will to my wife one negro girl called RODE and one negro boy called JANUARY. I also will to my wife a young sorrel mare and her saddle and bridle. I also will to my wife a bed called hers and furniture for the same.

I give and bequeath to **MARGARET** my daughter one negro woman SARAH and her youngest child called ISRAEL, and I also will to my daughter **MARGARET** one young bay mare named Nibons and her saddle and bridle. And I will to said **MARGARET** a bed called hers and its furniture.

I give and bequeath to my son **ABRAHAM** one tract of land that I purchased from **HUGH BIGHAM** which contains by survey 128½ acres. I also will to my son **ABRAHAM** one negro man named CHARLIE and one negro woman called LIDEN. I will the said **ABRAHAM** one called Faist yearling Colt called his and my saddle and bridle.

I will and bequeath to my son **JOHN** that tract of land that I purchased from **SAMUEL BIGHAM** which contains by survey 158 Acres together with a tract of 83 Acres that I purchased from **JAMES MCKEE** I also will to my son **JOHN** one negro boy called MOSE. I also will to **JOHN** the value of a boy that is called HALBERT. I will to **JOHN** one Bay mare called that is called his and a new saddle, when he arrives at the age of 18, and bridle to be raised out of the remaining of my estate.

I will end you bequeath to my son **JAMES** that tract of land that I purchased from **THOMAS SPENCE** containing by survey 330 Acres I also will to my son **JAMES** one negro boy called LONDON. I will to the said **JAMES** another negro boy called HALBERT. I also will to **JAMES** one horse named Bob and a new saddle and bridle to have at the age of 18.

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I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM BARNETT** and to my son **ARCHIBALD ARMSTRONG** this tract that I now live on which contains 280 Acres together with two other tracks, one that that lies joining one of 18 Acres that I purchased from **HUGH BIGHAM** and the other 100 acres that I live on joining **PATRICK BOYD** and **LEE's** and **WILSON's** land.

I will that the house of the before describe land that is not before will be equally divided between the said **WILLIAM** and said **ARCHIBALD**.

I will to my son **WILLIAM** one negro boy called PARIS and one negro girl called GILLES and I also will to **WILLIAM** one bay mare called the old bay. And I will to the said **WILLIAM** a mare saddle and bridle to be give to him at the age of 18 out of the remaining of my estate.

I give and bequeath unto my son **ARCHIBALD** one negro woman called PEGGY and her youngest child called TOM. I also will do this said **ARCHIBALD** one horse or \$60 in cash I also will to the said **ARCHIBALD** a new saddle to be give to him at the age of 18 out of the remains of my estate.

And all my bodily clothes I will to be equally divided amongst my sons.

I will that thence shall be kept a sufficiency of all things necessary for housekeeping and carrying on the farm be valued for the use of my family will they continue together in in a family capacity but when a separation becomes necessary I will that they be revalued and equally divided.

I give and bequeath to my two sons viz **ABRAHAM** and **JOHN** one tract of land which contains three hundred acres it lies on the Waters of Pott creek in Lincoln County for to be equally divided between them both.

I will to my son **JAMES** one tract of land containing 200 Acres lying on the Waters of Indian Creek in Lincoln County.

I also will one tract of land that I purchased called part of **GILGE's** place together with 20 acres that he joining **FREEMAN's** land to be equally divided between my five Sons viz **ABRAHAM, JOHN, JAMES, WILLIAM** and **ARCHIBALD**.

I also will that **ABRAHAM** and **JOHN** is for to have one years schooling out of the remainder of my estate.

I will that **JAMES** and **WILLIAM** shall have two years schooling out of the remains of my estate.

I also will that **ARCHIBALD** shall have three years schooling to be raised out of the remains of my state.

I give and bequeath to each of my sons viz **ABRAHAM, JOHN, JAMES, WILLIAM** and **ARCHIBALD** one good bed and furniture for the same for to get them when they come of age for to be taken out of the remains of my estate.

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**JOHN TAYLOR** {seal}

I also will that two horses should be kept for the use of the farm viz, one horse called Dick and the other one called Simon.

I will that the hole of my Hogs shall be kept for the use of my family.

I will that all the other perishable property which may be necessary for the aforementioned purposes that I have not will be sold and the money equally divided amongst the legatees.

I appoint **JAMES SPRATT JR.**, and **MARGARET** my wife, and **JOHN MCDOWELL** executor of this my last will and testament as witness my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

**JOHN TAYLOR** {seal}

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**JOSEPH HARTT**

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**ALLEN REED**  
**HUGH MCDOWELL**

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