

And lastly I do appoint my son in law William Drowne  
my Brother in law Henry Taylor and my friend Benjamin  
Lewis Executors to this my last will and testament In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal  
this fifth day of April 1776

Lucy Taylor

Signed Sealed published  
and declared by the testatrix to be  
her last will and testament  
in presence of  
Temperance Taylor  
Henry Taylor

At a court held for the county of Southampton the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July  
1776 This will was presented in court by Henry Taylor one  
of the Executors therein named and proved by the oath of Henry  
Taylor one of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded  
And on the motion of the said Etor who made oath accord-  
ing to law certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat-  
ing thereof in due form giving security Whereupon &c<sup>o</sup>

Sam Kelloce

Ridley  
Nath.  
Will

I Nathaniel Ridley being at this time sick and weak of  
body but of sound perfect and disposing mind and memory all  
praise be given to god therefore and calling to remembrance  
the certainty of death and uncertainty of the time when to make  
ordain and declare this my last will and testament, in manner  
and form following first and principally I recommend my soul  
to God &c. &c.

I give to my entirely beloved wife Sarah the use of  
my plantation whereon I now during her natural life and at her  
decease I give and bequeath the said land and plantation  
unto my son Matthew to him and his heirs forever

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah the  
following negroes to wit Manger Selvy Nancy and Molly  
together with all my household furniture and stock of all  
kind to her and her heirs for ever

I give and bequeath unto my son Matthew the following  
Negroes to wit Pomele Laman Selvy Reug Clae Willie Shuley  
Cecely Andrew and Joshua to him and his heirs for ever

I lend unto my beloved wife during her natural life  
the following negroes to wit Will Bald Will Fenu pink Betty  
Sille Tom and Glasca and her decease I give and bequeath  
the said negroes to wit Will bald Fenu pink Betty Sille Tom  
and Glasca unto my son Matthew to him and his heirs for  
ever

It is my will and desire that if my son Matthew  
die before he arrives to the years of twenty one  
unmarried or without heir then I give unto my  
Nathaniel son of Day Ridley my plantation whereon I now  
live to him and to his heirs for ever

It is also my will and desire that should my son  
Matthew die before he arrives to the years of twenty one  
unmarried or without heir that the hale of my negroes be equally di-  
vided between the surviving children of Day Ridley his son  
Wath<sup>r</sup> Ridley accepted and Ann Skelley and Pamela