

Will of D. M. T. Peck

In the name of God Amen

William T. Peck of the State of Georgia and County of Taliaferro being of sound mind and disposing memory do make Ordain and publish this my last Will and testament touching such property I may die possessed of hereby revoking disannulling and declaring all & void all other wills heretofore made by me. -

First - I wish all my just debts and funeral expense paid out of such monies as may be on hand at my death

Second - To my beloved brother Richard D. L. Peck I give and bequeath two Negroes, to wit, Jone a man about twenty five years of age and Ebenezer a boy about twenty years of age - I also give and bequeath to my said brother Richard D. L. Peck all my money after paying my debts and funeral expenses and all my notes, bonds, specialties, accounts, dues of all kinds and all evidences of debt, that may be found on hand upon my death - He is to pay my debts and funeral expenses out of them either out of the money or either affects aforesaid as he pleases and all the balance of said monies, notes, bonds, specialties, accounts and dues are to be his absolutely

Third, - All the rest and residue of my property both real personal, lands, Negroes, plantation tools, Cattle, hogs, Horses, and Stock of all kinds & description I give and bequeath unto my beloved brother Felix Peck. - But in Case my said Brother Felix should die leaving no Children or grand Children living at the time of his death then I bequeath the property in this item or Clause of my will left to him to my said brother Richard D. L. Peck if in life and if not then to such of his Children or their descendants as may at that time be in life - His wife to take per Stirpes if any of his Children living at the time of my said brother Felix without issue of his own living at the time of his death as aforesaid - If my said brother Felix leave issue living at his death then the property in this left to him I will & bequeath to such issue to take per stirpes

Fourth - As the following named Negroes, to wit, Mary Ann and two Children Napoleon and Eugenia, Rachael & her son Elizabeth a girl and Hall a boy have been good trusty faithful servants to me, it is my wish and desire that

that the families should be kept together. - And it is my wish
and desire that my brother Felix, to whom I give them shall treat them
freely and see that they are as Comfortably provided for as their Con-
dition in life and their Conduct and behaviour will justify. I wish
him to treat them just as he may at all times think I would treat
if I was in life. - This Confidence I repose in him with the full
assurance that it is not misplaced and that it will not be abused.

Item Fourth - I Nominate appoint and Constitute my brother Richard
D. L. Peck the Executor of this my last will & testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this twenty second day of April 1857.

Wm. T. Peck (seal)

Signed sealed acknowledged declared and
published as his last will & testament
in presence of us - who sign the same
as witnesses thereto in his presence and
in presence of each other

Alexander H. Stephens

Wesley M. Webster

Alexander S. Pinkston

Codicil

In Case my brother Felix should at any time wish to sell the tripper
land one of my plantations I give him full power to do so and in that
case it is to be his his absolutely and I wish him to give Thomas Peck the
refusal of it at ten Dollars per acre - There are about two hundred and
thirteen acres in it. - I also hereby Nominate Thomas Peck executor
to this will to act with my brother Richard D. L. Peck - 27th Apr. 1857.
as witness of my hand & seal

Wm. T. Peck (seal)

Alexander H. Stephens

Wesley M. Webster

Alexander S. Pinkston

Georgia Taliaferro County - Court of Ordinary adjourned term 1860

(In Court of Probate)

October 6th 1860.

You Alexander H. Stephens, Alexander S. Pinkston
Wesley M. Webster do solemnly swear that you saw William T.
Peck sign seal and declare this writing to be and contain his ^{true} last
& testament and Codicil thereto annexed that he did it freely
& Compulsion that he was of sound mind and memory

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that you signed the same in his presence and in the presence of
 this, at his special request - sworn to and subscribed in open
 Court Oct^r. 6th 1860. } Alexander W. Stephens
 } Alexander J. Pinckston
 } Westly M. Webster
 attest Quince Neal Ordinary

The will being proven in the judgment of the Court, it is ordered
 that the will and Codicil & Probate be recorded in the office of
 this Court (Oct^r. 6th 1860.) Quince Neal Ordinary

State of Georgia } By the Court of Ordinary for said County
 Taliaferro County } To all to whom these presents shall come - greeting
 Know ye that on the sixth day of October in the year of
 Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty the last will and Testament
 of Dr. William T. Peck late of Taliaferro County deceased was exhibited in
 open Court and in Common form of law, proved and admitted to record, a
 copy of which is herewith annexed, and administration of all and singular
 the Goods, Chattels and Credits of said deceased was granted to Richard D. L.
 Peck & Thomas J. Peck the executors in and by said Will named and appointed
 they having first taken the Oath, and performed all other requisites required
 by law they are by Order of said Court, and by virtue of these presents legally
 authorized to administer the Goods, Chattels and Credits of said deceased, accor-
 -ding to the tenor and effect of the said Will and Testament, and according
 to law; and they are hereby required to render a true and perfect inventory
 of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said deceased, and
 appraised and returned to this Court according to law, and to render a true
 and correct account to the said Court of their actings and doings, and
 yearly and every year, until their administration is fully completed

Witness My hand, as Ordinary, and the seal of the said Court,
 this 6th day of October Eighteen hundred and sixty
 Quince Neal Ordinary
 The will and letters testamentary recorded this October
 6th A.D. 1860. Quince Neal Ordinary