

I Stephen Pegram of the County of Cumberland and State of North Carolina being of sound mind but weak in body and considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

Item 1st My will and desire is that my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends pay all funeral expenses and collect all debts whatsoever and by whomsoever owing and pay all of just debts out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part of my estate.

Item 2nd My will and desire is that my brother Geo. W. Pegram shall take care of my mother and that my mother shall have my negro slave Dickey during her natural life to be disposed of as ~~my mother~~ may see proper. The land whereon I now live has been willed to my mother during her natural life by my father Wm. Pegram Deced^d which life estate she now holds but on her relinquishing her life interest in the land or at her death ~~according to the~~ ^{as} my will and desire is that my beloved wife Caroline Pegram shall have during her natural life or widowhood that portion of my land including all of my improvements beginning at the mouth of the marsh branch running then up the various courses of Parkers creek ^{they up to a place} to the ~~known~~ as the dividing branch ^{to the base}

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line at the corner known as Leaches corner then west along the back line. ~~until said line~~ to the marsh branch then down the various courses of said branch to the beginning.

Item 3rd. I give and devise to my two sons James William Pegram and David Alexander Pegram the balance of my land to be equally divided between them and also the portion of land left to my wife on her marrying, or at her death shall also be equally divided between my two sons.

Item 4th. I give and devise to my beloved wife my negro slave Mariah and her youngest child Harriet as her property.

Item 5th. I give and devise to my son James W. Pegram one half of the following negros viz Elizabeth Garrett Wesley Betty and Warren when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years the negro to be assessed and equally divided.

Item 6th. I Give and bequeath to my son David, A. Pegram the other half of the negros named in the 5th Item to them and each of them and to their heirs for ever.

Item 7th. My will and desire is that my beloved wife Caroline Pegram shall have the care and use of the negros named in the 5th Item until the division shall take place named above and that my wife shall provide for the education of my two children.

James, W. Pegram and David, A. Pegram,
Item 8th I Give and devise to my beloved
wife one black geldin four years old last
spring and also an my mothers seliney
hings her life sight & to the stock of
cattle I give to my wife four cows and
calves her chairs two saws and pigs.
one bureau one bookcase one bed and
bedstead and its nesary furniture her
chair one fall leaf table one small
table one set of shoe chairs one
trunk bed stick one set of split
bottom chairs one set of knives
and forks all of the crockery ware
of every discription farming tools of
every kind two spiders one small pot
one large pot the stock of provisions
on hand and also the growing crop

thirty bushels of wheat and twelve dry bags.
Item 9th My will and desire is an my
mothers seliney hings her life interest in
the other property or at her death ^{it} shall
be sold and the proceeds equally divided
between my two children James, W. Pegram
and David, A. Pegram.

Item 10th My will and desire is that what
ever shall remain after paying my
debts ^{out of} what is due me that it shall
be applied to ^{the} education of my chil-
dren

Item 11th I Give and devise to my beloved
wife one buggy and harness

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I do hereby appoint ^{and constitute} my
worthy brother Geo. W. Pegram
my lawful executor to execute this my
last will and testament to all intents
and purposes.

I Stephen Pegram do publish and
declare this to be my last will and
testament and at his request and in
his presents ^{we} do subscribed our names
as witnesses June the 17th A.D. 1854

Joseph ^{his} Stephen Pegram
^{amark} William Adams } Stephen Pegram (Seal)

Reading and interlining done before
signing

Witnessed and
Signed at New York
June 17 1854

W. L.

Stephen Pegram