

In the name of God Amen. I John Strayhorn
of Lenoir County & State of North Carolina being
Weak in body but of sound & disposing Mind and
Memory do make & ordain my last Will & Testament
in manner & form following. Viz—

My soul to god who gave it hoping the he will
generously accept of it not for any worth of mine, but
only on account of what Jesus Christ has done & suffered
for me. My body to be buried in a decent and Chris-
tian like manner trusting in a happy resurrection
at the last day. When Christ Jesus shall come and all
his holy angels with him.

As to the worldly goods
substance it hath pleased god to bestow upon me, my
wish & desire is that it shall be disposed off as follows
Viz— All my just debts & funeral expenses to be paid
out of my estate. To my beloved wife Margaret Strayhorn
I will & bequeath so much of my Mansions House, Out-
house & Office Barn & stable her choice of them as
she may stand in need off during her natural life
also so much of my plantation whereon I now
live as may be necessary for her to employ her hands
upon for her maintenance for her & them upon also
a full sufficiency of my plantation tools of every kind
for the use of her hands, also when she needs them the
use of my Waggons, Cotton Gin & Threshing Machine
also all my household & Kitchen furniture the whole
of it to remain in her hands undivided until her death
Also all my stock of cattle & sheep & so much of my
stock of hogs as may be sufficient for them also as
much of the grain & fodder and providing on hand
at the time of my death as may be necessary for
the support of her & her family, also my cattle
man, her bride & saddle, also my Negro man And
& his wife Rachel My Negro boy & my girl Manda
also the 2 youngest children of Henry & Rachel, all the
above I will to her during her natural life after
death to be disposed off as I may hereafter direct

To my two grand sons James & George & John & Mary
Long & my son William, I give & bequeath to them their heirs
& assigns for ever all that piece or parcel or tract of land where
on my son William now lives. Containing 150 acres more or
less. Also to my two grand sons above named my negro
man & future to and to his heirs & assigns my son William
children. To my two grand sons the children of my son
John & George & my son & George & John & Mary I give
& bequeath to them their heirs & assigns forever all that piece
or parcel or tract of land in which their father died supposed
to contain 240 acres more or less subject to the encumbrance of
their Mother's debts as follows - viz To my daughter Mary
W. & George's widow of my son John & George & bequeath
her, her living & maintenance during her natural life a widow
hood on the tract of land in as good & ample a manner
as she had in the life time of her late husband and
I give the will & direct that all the children of my
son John & George be raised & maintained in said
tract of land until the youngest of them comes of age &
should my said daughter in law Mary Mary my will is
that her claim & interest in said land cease from that time
forward. To my son & George & George I give & bequeath
to him & his heirs & assigns forever all that piece or parcel or
tract of land whereon he now lives with an addition of
50 acres to be stricken off the lower end of the tract where
he now lives to begin on a stake on his way to his house & Andrew
Leper's line near his Andrew's house thence with said line
so far as the sd. Andrew may think proper thence pursuing
the proper courses so as to bring him to the stone corner
at the school house spring, & include the 50 acres, also
my negro man George, Austin, & negro woman Louisa
also to his son John. One negro boy called Frank at
the death of my wife. To my son & George & George
I give & bequeath the three horse creatures I give to him
after he was married & my young, mule & foal of my
bald mare, also when there is a race or drain
cut through the low lands & the river through the
plantations on which William & George & Andrew
& George lives & that the object may be more effectually
obtained for which it was cut I will & bequeath
to Andrew all that part of sd. canal or race where
it now runs that passes through the lands on which
William lives beginning at the place where the
existing lead crosses the race, more to a large oak

To my daughter Mary Seddell. I will & bequeath
to her & her heirs and assigns forever, all that piece
parcel or tract of land, lying on the river immediately
above the Martin tract, which I purchased from
Isaac Erwin, supposed to contain 45 acres from a
life. Also my Negro woman Ginny & her five children
& all other articles of property I have heretofore given
her at any time. My tract of land lying on the
river & known as the Lattimer tract, I will & direct to
be sold on a reasonable credit with sufficient security
& the proceeds to be disposed of in manner following
viz One third I give & bequeath to my son James
Neagle and my daughter in law Elizabeth Neagle wife
of James Neagle. One other third part I will and
bequeath to my grand son John H. Neagle. The money
I will & direct to be put out to interest on bond &
sufficient security until the sd John arrive at full
age. The one other third part of sd money I will &
bequeath to my grand daughter Louisa. Also the money
daughter of my son James. Also to be paid out in same
manner as her brothers until she arrive at full age.

To the children of my daughter Elizabeth Anderson
now dead I will & bequeath the Negro woman named
Leah & her children. To my grand daughter Margaret I
& Anderson which is now living with me I will
bequeath my Negro girl named Linda after the death
of my beloved wife. And I hereby confirm the right
to any other property that I may have given to my
daughter Elizabeth during her life time.

To my son Matthew Neagle I give & bequeath a
certain piece parcel or tract of land it being composed
from three other tracts or parcels of land beginning at the
mouth of the roaring run on the Sta. & river & running
as the line is laid off to a corner on the Jo. Beatty Entry
& including a part of sd Entry, also the Wagstaff tract &
the Chittenden tract, & the big White Oak on the bank of the
North fork, thence down the various meadows of sd river
the beginning supposed to contain 400 acres, but out of

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this Except the still site Mill race & road ways to the
 same & a sufficient yard to be disposed of hereafter
 Also my negro man Lunn & woman Rose & her children my
 other little boy named Cassus & girl Harriet at the death
 of my wife, also my young brown horse shank, one mule
 the smallest of my three grown ones & 126 mule colts, & so
 my daughter Esther Hutchison wife of Thomas Hutchison
 I give & bequeath my three negro women viz Sue & Ann &
 Melly & Negro boy Green & whatever I have given to her & her of one

To my son Alexander His share I will bequeath to him
 & his heirs and assigns forever the piece parcel or tract of land
 I now live on & bounded by the lines of the divisions of the my
 land & land off to my other heirs in & around to contain 400 acres
 subject to the incumbrance of his mother which is to be
 with all the buildings & conveniences attached to the same
 with the exceptions hereinafter named The remaining part of
 the stock of Hogs to be equally divided between my sons
 Matthew & Hamilton & also to my son Alexander & Hugh
 I give & bequeath my negroes Sam & David Henry & Rachel
 my Cotton machines with its appurtenances my
 Smith shop & tools my Threshing Machine and my two
 Waggon. & will & direct to remain on the premises as they
 now are for the joint and Mutual benefit of my 3 sons.
 Andrew Matthew & Alexander & here to be much at the
 joint expense of the three — The remainder of my
 farming tools not called above I will to my two sons
 Matthew & Hamilton to be equally divided between
 them.

Test Alexander Carter
 James Cooper

Signed John McKeagle (L.S.)
 Mark

To my sons Andrew, Matthew and Alexander & L.S.
 will & bequeath to them & their heirs & assigns forever my
 Mill site Saw Mill Race & Mill yard also the shore add
 joining to it for their joint & Mutual benefit and all
 repairs & necessary expenses to be sustained in equal proportions
 by each of them — My share of fishing place on the big river
 that I bought from Col. M. Hill I give & bequeath jointly
 to all my sons & daughters for a fishing ground & for putting
 in traps for the taking of fish as they may find practicable
 & convenient. At the death of my wife I will &
 bequeath to my son Alexander my Clock & my Hamilton

of my wife, also my young brown horse & harness
the smallest of my three negro men, a 12 lb. male colt, & the
my daughter, Esther Hutchinson wife of Thomas Hutchinson
I give & bequeath my three negro women viz Sue Ann &
Milly & Mago my Green & white cow I have given to her & her future
to my son Alexander & his heirs & will bequeath to him
his heirs and assigns forever the piece, parcel or tract of land
I now live on & bounded by the lines of the divisions of the my
land & land off to my other heirs & should contain 400 acres
subject to the incumbrances of the Mother's interest in it
with all the buildings & conveniences attached to the same
with the exceptions hereinafter named. The remaining part of
the stock of hogs to be equally divided between my sons
Matthew & Hamilton. I also to my son Alexander & his heirs
I give & bequeath my negro, Lind, David Perry & Rachel
my Cotton machines with the appendances my
smith shop & tools my thrashing machine and my two
Waggons. I will & direct to remain on the premises as they
now are for the joint and Mutual benefit of my 3 sons.
Andrew, Matthew & Alexander & their heirs to be much at the
joint expense of the three — The remainder of my
farming tools not listed above I will to my two sons
Matthew & Hamilton to be equally divided between
them.

Test. Alexander Carter
James A. Carter

Signed & sealed in presence of
witness

To my sons Andrew, Matthew and Alexander & his heirs & I will
will bequeath to them & their heirs & assigns forever my
Mill Site Saw Mill Race & Mill yard also the Shore road
joining to it for their joint & Mutual benefit and all
repairs & necessary expenses to be sustained in equal proportions
by each of them. My boat a fishing place on the big river
that I bought from Col. Will Hill. I give & bequeath the bounty
to all my sons & their heirs for a fishing ground & for putting
in traps for the taking of fish as they may find practicable
& convenient. At the death of my wife I will be
bequeath to my son Andrew & his heirs & to Hamilton
I give & bequeath my book case, Chairs & tables and to
Matthew & Hamilton to each one of them one of my
large looking glasses. I will & direct my books

And last I ordain & appoint my son - Andrew
Mudge my worthy friends - Genl C^t R L McLean and
Major Lawson Henderson Executors of this my last
will & testament and by These presents revoke - annul
& make void all other wills & testaments by me
heretofore made and declare this & this alone to be my
last will & testament In Witness Whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
This 24th March 1832

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I John Peagles do make this Codicil to be
taken as part of my last Will & Testament as
follows Viz. My wind Mill I will to be disposed
off in the same manner as my Threshing Machine
& to be considered as a part & parcel of the same
the Coal on hand my will is that they be disposed
off in the same manner as the Smith shop &
Smith tools & Furnace, I have on hand a quantity of
Nails & Shingles which I would see remaining
my dwelling house I give & bequeath the whole of
them to my son Alexander J. Peagles to be by him
applied to the purpose in which they were by me
purchased. I now ordain & appoint my friend &
Honsman James Peter & Elizabeth as executor of
this my last Will & Testament and I do hereby revoke
& make void the appointment above of John & I
do leave as an executor of the my last will & Testament
as though he never had been named as such
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
Seal this 4th day of May 1829

Signed sealed published &
declared in presence of

Andreas Peagles
James Peagles

James Peagles
Andreas Peagles

Andrew Peagles & James Peter
Sole Executors —