

Court of Probate - Macon County -  
H Pendergrass -

I Miles H. Pendergrass of Macon County,  
North Carolina, being of sound mind and  
memory, but conscious of my earthly existence  
do make and declare this my last will and  
testament in manner and form following  
viz:

1st That my executor hereinafter to be named  
shall at my death provide for my burial  
suitably to the wishes of relations and  
friends and also pay all my just debts  
whatsoever and to whomsoever due out of  
the first monies that may come into his  
hands as part & parcel of my estate and  
also pay all necessary funeral expenses

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife  
Mary Pendergrass all my lands during  
her natural life, except the following  
land which my daughter Margaret R  
Love is to have, viz. Beginning on a small  
white Walnut tree on the bank of the Rocky  
Cove branch, near the old house place  
where my son John formerly lived, and  
to run in a south direction through the  
field by a Peach tree, to the ford of the branch  
to a large white oak standing on the point of  
the ridge about ten steps of the road as you

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to belong to my Daughter Margaret R. Love—  
 And all my other lands are included in this  
 will to my wife, I also give to my wife Mary  
 Pendergrop all my Horses and Cattle and  
 other Stock at my death to her use during  
 her natural life and at her death all of  
 said property to go to the use my Daughters  
 Adalace, California, Roxana and Josephine  
 at the death of my wife except as herein  
 after provided.

I give and bequeath to daughters Martha  
 Baldwin, Mary Matilda Lunsford, Betty  
 Gribble, Susan Lunsford, Louisa Abernathy  
 and my Son John Pendergrop five Dollars  
 each, to be paid out of my estate at my  
 death.

I give and bequeath to my daughter  
 Margaret R. Love, the above excepted  
 land during her natural life time and at  
 her death to the lawful heirs of her body.  
 And in case she should die, having no  
 children said land to revert to my four  
 youngest daughters or their lawful heirs  
 but in case she should die and leave minors  
 heirs said land to be sold to the best  
 advantage and put on interest for their  
 benefit when they become of age.

I also give & bequeath to said  
 Margaret R. Love, one good Cow & calf  
 three head of sheep one bed & furniture  
 and in case she die said property to be  
 disposed of in the same manner as pro-  
 vides above in regard to the land given

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I also give & bequeath to said Margaret R. Love, one good Cow & calf three head of sheep one bed & furniture and in case she die said property to be disposed of in the same manner as provided above in regard to the land given to her.

I give and bequeath at the death of my wife to my daughter Roxana a certain piece of land known as the Shingle flat lying west of the land given to my daughter Margaret R. Love, and to run from the white Walnut tree (M. R. Love) beginning corner with the Riskey Cove Branch to the line of No 43 and thence South with N. J. Cloens

line about 40 paces and thence west  
to the Corner of Margaret & Love land and  
thence with Margaret's line back to the beginning  
I give to my Daughters Adalace and  
California at the death of my wife  
50 acres of land known as No 43 to be  
equally divided between them, said land  
laying in the Rocky Cove and laying  
west of my Daughter Roxana's land.

Item I give and bequeath to my Youngest  
Daughter Lasaphine the lands on which  
I now live known as my home place  
which includes all of my lands, not  
included in the above described Items  
which she is to have at the death of my  
wife.

Item I appoint Albert Siler to be my  
lawful Executor to carry out the above  
Will according to the spirit and Items  
included in the same. This June 4<sup>th</sup> 1843.

Witness  
H. Roane

Miles H. <sup>his</sup> Pendergrass  
mark

H. Battle

The execution of the above paper  
writing purporting to be the last will  
& testament of Miles H. Pendergrass, decd.  
is this day duly proven before the undersigned  
by the oath & examination of W. H. Roane  
& H. Battle the subscribing witnesses thereto.

The said paper, writing and every  
part thereof is adjudged and declared  
to be the last Will & Testament of  
said Miles H. Pendergrass, and the same  
is Ordered to be registered.  
September 20<sup>th</sup> 1843

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September 29<sup>th</sup> 1843.

Wm. Allen  
Judge of Probate Court.