

I Abram Peal of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

First I lend unto my daughter Nancy Martin during her natural life a certain tract of land whereon she now lies bounded as follows (to) beginning at a black gum my upper corner on the Cherry Branch now called John Pries line thence down the run of said branch to the Spring branch to a black gum near the run at the mouth of a small branch thence up the branch along a line of marked trees to a corner a pine in a pond thence down a small branch along a line of marked trees to John Pries line to the beginning containing sixty acres more or less and after her death I give and devise said land with all the improvements to her children their heirs and assigns forever and the said land not to be subject to the debt or contracts of her husband Edmund Martin and not to be conveyed by him directly or indirectly—

Then I give and bequeath to my grand children Mary L. Pemberton and Abram P. Pemberton one hundred dollars each provided they stay with their grand mother and be under her contrall during her natural life or until they severally arrive to the age of twenty one years

Third The residue of my property and estate of every description I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy Peal during her natural life with authority to her to use and dispose of the same as may be necessary and she may deem proper for her comfortable support and maintenance in which she is permitted to be permitted to exercise her own discretion but I desire my son Joseph B. Peal shall assist his mother in the management of her affairs whenever she may call upon him, and to this end I appoint her my executrix and after her death I constitute and appoint my son Joseph B. Peal my executor and hereby direct him to sell all the property and estate bequeathed by this clause to my wife for life to collect all that may be due or owing that may be unpaid of the estate aforesaid including my negro man Willie and my land of the land I wish sold as follows, the tract whereon I now live on the

South side of Spring Branch to be sold in one piece and all on the north side of said Branch to be sold in another piece and I give and bequeath the money arising from the sales aforesaid and in the hands of any of my said executrix to be equally divided between the following children and grand children that is to say, Harriet Ward, Stephen Peal, Milly Norland, Nancy Martin, Joseph B. Peal, Cynthia Cherry, Mary L. Pemberton and Abram P. Pemberton but the share of Cynthia Perry is to be for her sole and separate use and not to be subject or liable to the contrall, debts or debts of her husband William L. Cherry

And I hereby revoke all other wills made by me

In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 12th day of February A.D. 1861

Abram Peal *Peal*

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator Abram Peal to be his last will and testament in our presence who signed the same at his request and in his presence

for J. Biggs

Chas Biggs

North Carolina Court of Pleas & Sessions Jan'y Term 1862
Martin County Then was the foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Abram Peal deceased exhibited in open court for probate by Nancy Peal the executrix therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Abram Peal is proved to the oath and examination of Chas Biggs and Jas. B. Biggs subscribing witnesses thereto It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of Abram Peal deceased and the said is ordered to be recorded and filed—And thereupon the said Nancy Peal executrix as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law
Wm. M. Harrell c. l. k.