

October Term 1855

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Peal of the State of North Carolina and County of Martin being lame in body but of sound perfect mind and memory help'd by god this the 17th day of April in the year of our Lord 1853 make and publish this my last Will and Testament in way and manner following, that is to say,
First I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Peal the House and Land whereon I now live including all my debts and her lifetime to her and her heirs and assigns also to her Mary also two Cows and Calves, also gardens and Sheds also all my Stock of Cows also all my Hogs also her two shares of my negroes also one Robt and the furniture
Item the 2^d I give and bequeath to my son Noah Peal one tract of Land lying on the upper branch also I to said Noah Peal all my tract of Land lying on the East side of Beech Swamp.
Item the 3^d I give and bequeath to my son Abram Peal all the south of his mother the land whereon I now live containing one hundred and six acres also I give to said Abram Peal all my land lying on Camp Swamp containing 200 acres I give to said Abram Peal all my land lying on the West side of Beech Swamp.
Item the 4th I give and bequeath to my four daughters Afa Harrison Pendence Peal Mary Peal & Elizabeth Peal one Robt & furniture each

Item 5th I give to George W. Harrison the land adjoining from Beech Swamp which I have Peal give to me, and my wife also one Robt & furniture one cabinet and table which is in possession of his father James Harrison Item the 6th It is my Will and desire that my negroes should be equally divided between all my children and George W. Harrison also I give to my three daughters Pendence Peal Mary Peal and Elizabeth Peal one Cow & calf each also I give to my son Noah Peal one Robt & furniture also I appoint and ordain my son Noah Peal Executor to this my last Will and Testament the day and year above written to Witness Des- my hand and seal

Test Jacob Rice
David Harrison

Thomas Peal Seal

State of North Carolina

Martin County Court October Term 1855

This was the foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Peal exhibited in open Court and the due execution thereof according to law as the last Will and Testament of the said Peal proved by the oath of Jacob Rice one of the undersigned witnesses thereof and on motion it is ordered to be recorded. Whereupon Noah Peal the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and qualified to execute said Will according to law

J. Johnson Clk

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In the name of God Amen!
I Marcus Manning of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being of sound disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say
First I give and bequeath to my daughter Julia A. M. Colburn wife of John Colburn negro Slaves Mary Jackson Bony, Helen Long and Abner subject to the conditions stipulations and limitations herein after expressed
Second I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Caroline Lanier wife of David Lanier negro Slaves Aaron, William, Susan, Mary, Elizabeth, Abner and Susan subject to the conditions stipulations and limitations herein after expressed
Third I give and bequeath to my son John A. Manning negro Slaves William, Betty, Eason, Bony, and Grey and to make his share of negroes equal according to my judgment I also bequest to him one hundred dollars to have and to hold the same forever
Fourth I give and bequest to my grand son Allen A. Manning my Cornfield now known as Horn the tract that formerly belonged to my son Allen and the sum of Fifty dollars forever

Fifth I have heretofore given to my children one bed and furniture piece which I hereby confirm and I hereby bequest to each one of them, to wit, Julia A. M. Colburn, Martha Caroline Lanier and John A. Manning one bed and dress of furniture forever

Sixth I hereby direct devise and bequest to my son Andrew the use of my dwelling house for and during the term of his natural life and out of my estate she shall be comfortably and suitably supported as long as she lives

Seventh I give and devise all my lands with the exception in the preceding clause to be equally divided between my children to wit, Julia A. M. Colburn, Martha Caroline Lanier and John A. Manning to them and their heirs and assigns free subject however to the conditions stipulations and limitations herein after expressed as to the share secured to my daughter

Eighth The residue of my Estate of every description I give and bequest to be equally divided between my said children Julia A. M. Colburn, Martha Caroline Lanier and John A. Manning subject however to the conditions stipulations and limitations herein after expressed as to the share of my daughter Julia A. M. Colburn

Ninth I do leave my daughter Martha Caroline Lanier should die leaving no issue at the time of her death then I give and devise the slaves and lands bequeathed and devised to her by the second and seventh clauses of this my Will to be equally divided between my daughter Julia A. M. Colburn and my son John A. Manning the share however of my daughter Julia that she may then receive or be entitled shall be subject to the same conditions stipulations and limitations as are herein after expressed