

Know all men by this I John Peele of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being in perfect mind thanks be to God Calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: first I give and recommend my soul into the hand of God who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent and christian manner by my friends and neighbours and as to this worldly estate which God hath been pleased to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. I give to my son Nathan Peele all the tract of land whereon I now live containing 448 acres according to my rights with the exceptions of my wife Edith Peele to have here third her life time if they do not agree to live together. I likewise give to them together all the corn and pork or bacon which shall be in my possession at my death I give all the hogs that I am in possession at that time and I give him one horse one cow and calf and my desk one bed and furniture one pine table and all the salt in the house and all the kitchen furniture to him and my wife together all to be his at her death I likewise give him 100 dollars and Edith one hundred one bed and furniture and after her death my desire is for him to have all she leaves.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Patience Peele the sum of 300 dollars in money to be raised out of my estate. I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Peele the sum of 300 dollars. I likewise give unto my daughter Rebecca Bell 300 dollars. I likewise give and bequeath unto my son David Peele all the tracts of land in Johnston County and State aforesaid known by the name of the holland tract and the other the Richard Pierce and Charkey Pierce tract joining each other containing by estimation 670 acres likewise my shot gun and one bed and furniture one cow and calf and one hundred dollars and five head of sheep. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Peele one bed and furniture and my large chest and my walnut table one cow and calf and three hundred dollars. after giving the within legacies I want no sale on my property my will is that there be no sale I want all the stock not mentioned in this will except one cow and calf I want my wife to have but all both cattle and sheep to be equally divided among my six children, likewise all the house furniture not mentioned in this will be equally divided among my legatees in this will and after paying legacies if any left I want that equally divided among my six children mentioned in this will be it remembered that I have lent my daughter Anne P. Williams in Ohio her portion and have got her receipt in a letter from her.

And I do nominate constitute and appoint my two sons in laws John Peele and John Bell executors to this my last will and testament. I do hereby revoke and disannul all and every other wills and testament ratifying

and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 10th day of July in the year of our lord, 1846.

John Peele (Seal)

Be it remembered I want the land where Amos Johnston lives in Edgecombe County sold and the money equally divided among my six children mentioned in this will I do likewise want them to divide all the property not mentioned in this will as equally as possible and if any money left after paying legacies equally divided among my six children mentioned in this will the property paid off in lots and drawn for. I want no confusion over my little property.

John Peele.

Whereas I John Peele have made my last will and testament in writing bearing date on the 10th day of July in the year of our lord 1846 and have thereby made sundry devises and bequests according to the then existing circumstances of my estate but which circumstances having now materially changed I do by this my writing which I hereby declare to be a codicil to my said will to be taken and construed as a part thereof will and direct that I give to my son David Peele the tract of land I lately bought of Zadoc Peacock formerly owned by Henry Priggen near the fork of Turkey Creek and McCosson and in the county of Nash for the line as dead from Zadoc Peacock to me executed, in lieu of the tracts to him given in the above will namely the holland and the Peacock tracts in the county of Johnston to have and to hold in fee simple to him and his heirs forever, and I do further desire that my executors do sell to the best advantage the two tracts of land above named lying in the county of Johnston, to help make up the legacies named above in my will and I declare this to be a portion of my last will and testament whereunto I have set my hand and seal this the 26th day of January in the year of our lord, 1847.

John Peele (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published by the above John Peele to be a codicil or a part of his last will and testament and at the same to declaring the remainder part of his will to be as he desired with the alterations made in this codicil in presence of us who at his request and his presence and in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

James Fulghum
Hardy H. Williamson
Nathan Stott
Henry Stott

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county May term 1847

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament and codicil of John Peele is offered for probate and duly proven by the oath of James Fulghum and Hardy H. Williamson two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be registered.

Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.
Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

and is registered.

In the Name of God Amen. I Mourning Hilliard of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Item 1st. After paying my funeral expenses and just debts, I give and devise to my daughters Tamey Williams and Leah Perry my cloths and bed cloths to be equally divided between them. Item 2 I give to my son James Hilliard my carriage horses, and my carriage.
Item 3. I give to my grand son Elias Carr ten dollars in gold.
Item 4 I give to my grand daughter Ella Hilliard ten dollars in gold.
Item 5 I give to my grand daughter Mary B. Hilliard ten dollars in gold.
Item 6. I give to my grand children Mourning, Betsey M., Samuel and Jonas Hilliard two bonds which I hold against John B. Williams, one bond for four hundred and ninety dollars and the other for five hundred and ten dollars with the interest on said bonds.
Item 7th. It is my desire that all my property and effects nother in before disposed of should be equally divided between all of my children share and share alike. Item 8th. I hereby appoint my son Elijah B. Hilliard, executor to this my last will and testament and guardian for my four grand children viz: Mourning, Betsey, Samuel and Jonas Hilliard. In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 10th day of February, 1847.

Witness, Martha H. Sargent Mourning Hilliard (Seal)
Elizabeth Williford

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county May term, 1847

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mourning Hilliard deceased is offered for probate and duly proven by the oath of Martha H. Sargent and Elizabeth Williford the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded. Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.
and is recorded Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.