

In the name of God, Amen;

I, Emma Peterson wife of Asham Peterson of the Town of Wilmington in the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this seventeenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven, make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner following, that is to say
 First I give and bequeath to my beloved husband Asham Peterson his heirs, Executors and Administrators forever, the following negro Slaves viz Katy and her child Alexander and Willeam, with all future increase of the said negro Slave Katy

Second And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend and Husband Asham Peterson Executor to this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me made.
 In witness whereof, I the said Emma Peterson have to this my last will and Testament set my hand & Seal, the day and year before written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared
 by the said Emma Peterson the Testatrix
 as her last will and Testament in the
 presence of us who were present at the time
 of signing and sealing thereof.

Emma Peterson (Sd)

In Presence

Saml W Dunham
 State of North Carolina New Hanover County, Court March Term 1838
 This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Emma Peterson deceased, is exhibited in open Court, and duly proved by the oath of Samuel W Dunham one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon it is considered by the Court that the same is the last will and testament of said Emma Peterson, and as such sufficient to convey the property therein bequeathed and ordered to be filed and recorded; at the same time Asham Peterson the Executor therein named duly qualified as such

Teste

L H Masteller Clerk
 By L N Pierce Dep Clerk