

to probate as such and ordered to be recorded & filed.
 Whereupon Mary E. Watters the executrix therein named
 came before the Court and was duly qualified as executrix
 thereof. Ordered that letters testamentary issue to her as executrix
 aforesaid
 Teste L. H. Marsteller CLK
 by Daw Dickson By Clerk

I Labon Peterson ~~Peterson~~ of the County of New Hanover
 and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory,
 but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do
 make and declare this my last will and testament, in the
 manner and form following, that is to say: First That
 my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a
 decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and
 pay all funeral expences together with all my just debts out of any
 moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of
 my estate.

Item 2^d I give and devise to my beloved wife Margaret Peterson three
 hundred & two acres of land, it being the tract of land where on
 I now live, containing my house and plantation, to have and to
 hold to her the said Margaret Peterson for and during her natural
 life in satisfaction for her & in lieu of her dower & third of my lands
 Also my two negroes viz Sam & Harriet for & during her natural
 life, and after her death I give Sam to my son Moses Peterson and
 Harriet to my daughter Priscilla Ann Williams and the children born
 of her body, the increase of Harriet I reserve during my life. I also give to
 my wife Margaret three Cows & Calves (her choice) one yoke of Oxen and
 Cart, one horse, bridle & saddle, three geese & lambs, two sows and pigs, six
 year old Hogs, two stocks Bees, one third part of my house hold and kitchen
 furniture for and during her life and after her death to my daughter
 Eliza bith Jane Drew wife of Anthony Drew.

Item 3^d I give and devise to my daughter Mary Corbitts heirs ^{the sum} one dollar
 Item 4th I give and devise to my daughter Susan Corbitt one feather bed
 and furniture

Item 5th I give and devise to my son William Peterson a negro boy named
 Lawless

Item 6th I give and devise to my son Timothy Hatcher Peterson one
 dollar.

Item 7th I give and devise to my son Aaron Peterson One hundred
 acres of land called the reedy skirt lands, adjoining the lands of R.
 Murphy and others, said piece or parcel of lands contains one third
 of my land and was deeded to him some years ago.

Item 8th I give and devise to my son Moses Peterson a negro boy Sam after the death of my wife.

Item 9th I give and devise to my daughter Priscilla Anna Williams my negro woman Harriet after the death of my wife.

Item 10th I give and devise to my son John Peterson my negro girl Lucinda now in his possession and one third part of the residue of my estate after the distribution agreeable to this will.

Item 11th I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Sam Drew my negro Hannah & Jude and their increase, I also give her the stock and household furniture & kitchen furniture named in item 2nd of this my will and given to her mother during her life and also my plantation whereon I now live containing 302 acres, to her and her heirs forever in fee simple.

Item 12th The residue of my estate not otherwise disposed of I leave to be sold by my executors and equally divided between my wife Margaret and son John and daughter Priscilla Anna Williams after paying my just debts and funeral expenses. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend William Robinson my lawfull executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will & testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills & Testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof
I the said Laban Peterson do hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of July A D 1850

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said Laban Peterson to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.
Intervened at the bottom of Item 11th before signed

Laban Peterson Test

G W Robinson
Abner Robinson

State of North Carolina
New Hanover County Court
June Term 1851

This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Laban Peterson deceased is duly exhibited in open Court for probate and duly proven by the oath of Abner Robinson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon it is considered by the Court that the same is the last will and testament of said Laban Peterson and so such ordered to be recorded & filed at same time, William Robinson the Executor therein named duly qualified and sworn.
Dated 24th of July 1851
Mantellor Clerk

In the name of God Amen
 I William Pigford Senr of the State of North Carolina
 and County of New Hanover being weak of body but of
 sound and perfect memory (blessed be God for the same) knowing
 that it is appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this
 my last will and testament in manner and form as follows
 I write I recommend my soul to God who gave it and that
 my body have Christian like burial at the discretion of my executors
 hereafter to be named

Secondly I will and devise that all my just debts to be paid
 and all the lands in my possession with the plantation where I
 now reside with all the improvements and all the farming
 utensils, one negro man named Billy and a negro woman
 named Hester all my stock consisting of hogs, Cattle, Hogs
 & Sheep, all my household and kitchen furniture to my beloved
 wife Hannah Pigford, to be hers during her natural life, without
 molestation

Thirdly I will and devise all the lands, after the decease of my
 beloved wife to my grandson Isaac Newton in fee simple to
 him and his heirs forever

Fourthly I will and devise after the death of my beloved wife
 the negro man and woman above named, the stock and
 furniture &c to be equally divided among my grand children
 the children of my daughter Susan Newton.

Fifthly I will and devise my son in law James Newton and
 my daughter Susan his wife forty shillings each.

Lastly I constitute Solomon Pigford and William Newton
 my grandson Executors to this my last will and testament. Revoking
 all other wills heretofore made by me

In witness of which I have set
 my hand & seal the 28th day of September A D 1836 - New Hanover
 County

William^h Pigford (Seal)
 make

Signed Seal & delivered

in presence of
 Rob Tate

David Alderman
 North Carolina

New Hanover County Court June Term 1851

This paper writing purporting to be the last will
 and testament of William Pigford deceased of this County is exhibited
 in open Court and being proved by the oath of Robert Tate one of the
 subscribing witnesses thereto, it is ordered to be admitted to peruse and
 that it be recorded and filed, at the same time William J. Newton
 named as Executor therein and qualified as such

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