

State of North Carolina }  
New Hanover, County }

In the name of God Amen.

I Phineas Pickering of Wilmington in the County and State aforesaid  
knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, now being weak  
of body and of perfect memory, after committing my soul to the  
source from which it was obtained; as to my worldly affairs, in  
the first place, I direct that all my debts be paid out of my personal  
estate.

Then I will and bequeath to my brother, John Pickering, my sister, Martha  
Pickering, my sister, Mercy the wife of Robert Poste and Phineas  
Poste the son of the said Robert, and Mercy Poste, all my lands  
tenements and hereditaments, to be divided between them share and  
share alike, to have and to hold the same to them and to their heirs and  
assigns forever.

I hereby authorize my Executors should they deem it most advisable  
to sell and dispose of the said real estate at such time and upon such  
terms as to them may seem best, and to convey to the purchasers the  
property aforesaid in fee simple, and to pay over and divide the proceeds  
of such sale in same proportions as the said estate is heretofore devised.

I hereby bequeath unto the General Benevolent Society of Wilmington  
North Carolina, the sum of Two hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath unto the Buckingham and Salisbury Meeting of  
Quakers of the State of Pennsylvania, the sum of fifty dollars each.

I give and bequeath unto Mrs Dick, the wife of William Dick, the sum  
of ~~one~~ <sup>two</sup> hundred dollars.

I hereby relinquish all claims that I may have against Eli L Larkins  
for any agreements entered into between him and me.

Finally, I give and bequeath all my goods and chattels not hereto-  
fore disposed of unto <sup>my father John Pickering</sup> my Aunt Hannah Johnson, my brothers and  
sisters to be divided equally between them, their heirs, executors and  
administrators.

I do hereby appoint William H Balsey and Eli L Larkins Executors  
to this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills and  
Testaments heretofore made, Wilmington N Carolina this the twenty  
fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and eighteen.

I signed, sealed, published and declared to be  
the last Will and Testament of the said Phineas  
Pickering by him in our presence, and by us  
subscribed in his presence at his request.

Phineas Pickering

The word "two" in the second page twelfth line  
wrote over an erased. The words "my father,  
John Pickering" in same page interlined before  
the executors thereof.  
Dated & sworn to by J. L. Mitchell

New Hanover County, County Court, February Term 1819

The execution of the within will of Phineas Pickering was proved in open Court, by the oaths of David Jones and George Lyde two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be filed, at the same time Eli L Larkins and William H Halsey qualified as Executors

Witness  
Thos H Davis. Clk

In the name of God Amen. September, 30<sup>th</sup>, 1819

I, Jacob Powell senior of New Hanover County in the State of North Carolina, being in dispozed but of perfect mind and memory, calling to mind the shortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will & Testament, that is to say, First. I give and recommend my soul to Almighty God and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner, and as to such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless and in this life, I give, demise and dispose of the same as follows, I give and bequeath to my sons Thomas Powell, Jacob Powell, Hardy Powell, and the heirs of same Powell my youngest son dec<sup>d</sup>, the sum of one dollar each, and to my daughters Mary Powell, Miriam Bittles, Nancy Futch, Rachel Hollows, and Therese Stingsfield, the sum of one dollar each, to be paid by my executor,

I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter, Margaret Lee one half of the lands that I now have and hold, and to the son of my said daughter, Margaret known by the name of Joshua Powell Lee, I give the remaining half of my lands, to be divided between said Margaret and her son Joshua Powell Lee equally, and lastly, I appoint and ordain my son in law Thomas Lee, Executor of this my last will and Testament, and do revoke all former wills

In Witness whereof I said Jacob Powell have hereunto set my hand and seal the date above written  
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the Testator, in presence of us  
Jacob + Powell Sen<sup>r</sup>  
witness  
Isaac Newton Jun<sup>r</sup>

New Hanover County, County Court, February Term 1823

The execution of the within will of Jacob Powell, was proved in open Court by James Newton and Isaac Newton subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded, at same time Thomas Lee qualified as Executor,

Witness  
Thos H Davis. Clk