

John Peale's Will

In the name of God amen I John Peale of Northampton County, being in perfect health & disposing memory calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life am willing to make my will & dispose of my worldly Estate as followeth after beguathing my soul to almighty God that gave it me and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors after my funeral expences discharged and my debts are paid. I give & bequeath the rest of my Estate as follows.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Richard Peale three hundred acres of land at Chatsley and two hundred & fifty six acres where any one time and hour to him & his heirs forever, also all the stock of hogs belonging to the land at Chatsley.

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Peale my改善 plantation wherein I now live and all the land thereunto belonging, also forty acres paying Mr Ruffin to him & his heirs forever, also all my stock of hogs belonging thereto forty acres paying William Ruffin.

Further my will and desire is that all my negroes except what is hereafter away be equally divided between my two sons Richard Peale & William Peale, to remain with them & their increase both them & their heirs forever also all my stock of horses Cattle Sheep to be equally divided between my two sons, and my mill, hand mill, whip saw & scroff Cat saw for both their uses and not to be divided and all my household utensils to be equally divided between them, except the use & occupation of the above mentioned premises, as are left to my wife I give & bequeath to my daughter Damarine Northampton negro girl called Dick the increase and my negro fellow called Cuff to her, & her heirs forever.

Further, my will & desire is that my living wife Melby Peale shall have the use & occupation of my Men's Plantation and the Stock of all kinds, to it belonging till my house hold goods and the balance of my slaves during her natural life and all the remaining part of my Estate

back real & personal Estate to my two sons Richard and Mary Peale to be equally divided between them & their heirs forever. I give & bequeath to my grand daughter Mary Livingston one feather bed & furniture two Cows & Calves, two Sheep & pigs three pecks dishes six plates one iron pot & frying pan. Now for the trust & confidence I put in my friend John Dawson and Mr Bridger. I do appoint them executors of this my last will and this I own to be my last will Testament revoking & disallowing of all other wills before by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal my date this 10 day of October 1754
John Peale, Damarine Peale,
David Rivers, John Peale & casual

Northampton County 9 November Court 1760.

The preceding will of John Peale deceased was exhibited into court and proven on the oath of Lemuel Hunter & Dennis Rivers two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, at the same time Mr Bridger was Deaf & Dumb executor thereof, whether execution was ordered to be certified & recorded.

John S Edwards clerk

Thomas Green's Will

In the name of God amen. I Thomas Green of Northampton County in the presence of Moses Hoadland being at present in perfect health sound mind & memory thank be to God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body I do constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner of form following (that is to say) first Universally I command my soul into the hands of God trusting through the mercies of Christ & Passion of my blessed Saviour to have full & free pardon & forgiveness of all my sins to inherit everlasting life, and as for my body I commit it to the earth from whence it was taken to be-