

Sterling Peebles's Will.

In the name of God amen I Sterling Peebles of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing memory do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner - from following to wit:-

First. I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Withins Peebles one negro Boy named Solomon to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

2nd. I give and bequeath unto my son Edmund Withins Peebles one negro Boy named Tervus to him his heirs & assigns forever.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my son Henry Wyche Peebles one negro Boy named Harry to him his heirs & assigns forever.

4th. I give and bequeath to my son Dudley Peebles one yellow Boy named Peter, now at my mother's in Virginia to him his heirs and assigns forever.

5th. I desire that the whole of the residue of my personal estate be kept together by my executors, until my son Joseph arrives to lawful age or marries at which time my executors either by themselves or such persons as they may choose are to divide my negroes, household furniture stock &c. and the one fourth part thereof I give and bequeath unto my said son Joseph, to him his heirs and assigns forever. Except my negro woman Dolly, who I leave in the hands of my Executors for the purpose of taking care of the house furniture &c. and attending to clothing my negroes as heretofore, until the last division.

6th. Upon my son Edmund arriving to lawful age or marrying I will my executors again divide the remaining part of my negroes stock furniture &c. or get persons to do it, the one third part of which I give unto my said son Edmund to him his heirs and assigns forever.

7th. On my son Henry arriving to lawful age or marrying I will the remainder of my negroes stock household furniture &c. be divided in manner appraised between him and my son Dudley, the one half of which I give to my said son Henry and the other half to my son Dudley to them their heirs assigns forever.

8th. At the final division of my estate I leave my negro Woman Dolly to choose which of my said sons she will for a master and to such her choice I hereby give and bequeath her.

9th. At the death of my mother I will the lands whereon she lives together with my Mill and lands in Verg^o be sold at the discretion of my executors and as much of the money laid out in land for my son Dudley as will make it equal with the legacies in land by this Will given, and the remainder equally divided between my four sons aforesaid.

10th. At the death of mother I also will that my negroes now in her possession as a Dowry, be equally divided as before named between my children, provided nevertheless that should my mother at her death be more partial to one of my children than the rest that such child shall not receive more in amount of the negroes than will with the sum given by my mother make it equal with the others.

11th. Upon my son Joseph coming to lawful age or marrying I give and bequeath unto him all my lands in N. Carolina called the Quaker settlement, to him his heirs & assigns forever.

12th. Upon my son Edmund coming to lawful age or marrying I will the lands whereon I now live as well as the little tract and the land purchased of William Short's estate be equally divided as near as may be by my executors and give to my said son Edmund the little tract part the line running so as to include the Tavern and a part of Short's Pocoson tract to him his heirs and assigns forever.

13th. Upon my son Henry coming to lawful age or marrying I give and bequeath him the remaining part of the lands adjoining the Mill and Tavern including the swanor improvements to him his heirs and assigns forever.

14th. I nominate and appoint my friends Joseph Withins, John Lockhart, William D. Lockhart and my son Edmund Peebles, executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all Wills heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of December.

December Anno Dom: 1809.

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in presence of

Sterling Pabbs Esq

Hamlin Harris

Samuel Johnson

By way of Codicil to this Will. It is hereby expressly declared
as my Will that my executors are hereby authorized & empowered
to raise out of my estate in any manner they think proper as
much money as will be sufficient for the education and main-
tenance of my two sons Henry and Geddy at any school
they may choose to send them. Witness my hand and seal
this 13th day of December Anno Dom: 1809

Witness

Sterling Pabbs Esq

Hamlin Harris

Samuel Johnson

Northampton County Oct. September Court 1811

This last Will and Testament of Sterling Pabbs decd together
with the codicil annexed were proved in open Court by the oath
of Samuel Johnson a subscribing witness to the same —
whereupon William B. Lockhart one of the executors named
in the said Will was duly qualified —

December Court 1811.

This last Will and Testament of Sterling Pabbs decd.
with the Codicil annexed were further proved by the oath
of Hamlin Harris a subscribing witness to the same —
whereupon John Lockhart another of the executors named
in the said Will was duly qualified — Ordered to be
certified & recorded —

Test.

C. H. Hayes Esq

Mary Wright's Will.

In the name of God amen I Mary Wright of Northampton County and
State of North Carolina, being in good health and possessing my usual
understanding, do make this my last Will and Testament as follows —

Imprimis. It is my particular will and wish that my servant man
Aaron be liberated if the laws of our County will allow of it, if not
I give and bequeath him to my nephew William Allen Eaton of Halifax
County and State of North Carolina to him his heirs & assigns forever.
my reason for wishing the above named negro freed, is that his former
master intended doing so in his Will, his good conduct towards his
master made him determine this in his favor.

Item. I give and bequeath to my niece Eliza Edwards Eaton to her and her
heirs and assigns forever a negro girl called Eady daughter of Cook Robin.

Item. I give and bequeath to Rebecca J. Jones (the wife of
Cardwallader Jones) to her, her heirs and assigns forever a negro man
named Lemuel.

Item. I give and bequeath to Mary Rebecca Allen (Long) to her and
her heirs and assigns forever a negro girl named Jennett, also a boy
called Shadrach —

Item. I lend to Allen J. Green Mariet Long and Charles during
his life, and at his death I give and bequeath them to his oldest daughter
to her and her heirs and assigns forever —

Item. I give and bequeath to Allen J. Davis to him and his heirs
and assigns forever a negro girl named Polly the daughter of Violet.
provided he will purchase a Washington the youngest son of Violet
if he will not do that, I give and bequeath the said negro to
William Wright, the son of my husband, but if Allen will buy
him I give the money arising from his sale to William Wright the
son of my husband —

Item. I give and bequeath to my nephew William Allen Eaton
to him and his heirs and assigns forever a negro man named
Polly the son of Violet —

Item. I give and bequeath to William Wright (the son of my
husband) to him and his heirs and assigns forever Homer, Colladon
Nora her two children Nizpah and Naham Bell, provided Mr
Wright my husband will dispose of Isaac and Thos of Henriette