

Pleasant Seales

I Pleasant Seales of the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being weak in body but in sound mind and memory blessed be almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say 1st It is my will and desire that after my death that my executor proceed to pay all my Just debts out of my estate (if any) it is my will that the remainder of my estate both real and personal be loaned to my beloved wife Charlotte G. Seales during her natural life or widowhood & in case of her intermarriage or death it is then my will and desire that my executor take into possession the whole of my estate both real and personal and convert it in such a way as to render it most advantageous for the benefit and support of my children until the youngest one become of age then I do require my said executor to make an equal division of all my estate both real and personal and such acquisitions then to be made by my executor in his said executor's management of the same between my said children equally (if any) It is my will and desire that my executor proceed to give my children an English education as soon as they become of age sufficient to receive the same. I authorize my said executor to pay for this tuition out of the proceeds of my estate 2nd It is my will and desire that my worthy friend Joel Barwell in whom I place implicit confidence be appointed my lawful executor to transact the business of my whole estate in

in accordance with all and every wish and desire of this my last will and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of August in the year of our Lord 1825 in the presence of Witnesses

Pleasant Seales (Sealed)

Wm M Wall
Richard Wall
Pleasant Black

State of North Carolina
Rockingham County
November 1825

The within last will and testament of Pleasant Seales being offered for probate the same being proven in open Court by the oath of Richd Wall and Wm M Wall subscribing witnesses thereto it was duly admitted to probate Joel Barwell being sworn in the will qualified and took out letters testamentary in the same

Robt Wallaway

John Thomas

In the name of God amen I John Thomas of the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina being very sick and weakly in body but in perfect mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executor nothing doubting but at the same

303 general resurrection I shall receive the same again
and as touching such worldly estate as it hath
pleased God to bless me with I give devise & dispose
of in the following manner and form.

First I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved
wife Polly Thomas as one half of my estate both
real and personal after my First debts is paid and
at her death if she should not marry to return
to my daughter Frances R Thomas the other
half of my estate I give and bequeath to my daug-
hter Frances R Thomas after my First debts is paid
as above stated also my desire is that my daughter
Frances R Thomas shall have good english school-
ing at the expense of my estate I also appoint my
son George T Thomas with my wife Polly Thomas
my whole executors to this my last will and testam-
ent working all other wills bequeaths or legacies
by me heretofore made in witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 12th
day of January 1826. John ^{his} Thomas & Co
Signed sealed in presence Mark

of us Hesk B Russell

State of north Carolina 3 May Session 1826

Rockingham County 3 The execution of the
within Last will and testament of John Thomas
was duly proved in open court by the oath of Hesk
Boswell and oranna to be sworn and Mary
Thomas and George Thomas qualified as executors
and executor and took out letters testamentary in
the same.

Robt Gallaway

304 Henry Sharp

In the name of God Amen Henry Sharp of the
County of Rockingham and State of north Carolina
being of sound and disposing and perfect mind
and memory blessed be God do this 20th day of March
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and sixteen make and publish this my last will and
testament in manner following that is to say
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Isabella the
use of all my property while she may remain my wife
or until my son Thomas shall arrive at the age
of twenty one years recommending to her tender care
and affection in every situation whatsoever our
dear children and if my wife should marry
previous to the arrival of twenty one years of age
of my son Thomas then I will and bequeath that
all my property shall be equally divided between my
beloved wife Isabella and my dear children Thomas
Ariannah Dinah & Hiram and if in case my wife
should not marry until my son Thomas should
arrive at the age above mentioned my wish is that
the property should be equally divided between
my wife and my dear children the use and bene-
fit of my property to my beloved wife in particular
intended to enable her as much as circumstances
will admit to raise and educate our dear children
and if in case my wife should die either before she
may marry or the arrival of age of my son
Thomas I request that my surviving executor
shall sell my property that shall then remain
in a tract of twelve months and divide the
amount when collected between my dear children
reserving to my mother in Law Ellen Crooke