

them marry and die without lawful issue, one half the property would then return to my children and the other half belong to the person they marry forever.

Item, my Will is that the schooling, cloathing and raising my children be no expense to their father and that their estate remain in possession of my wife until they arrive of age or marry, except with her my wife's consent.

Item, I Will that my estate real and personal not hitherto disposed of at the decease of my said wife Nancy Bethell be equally divided between my then surviving children and their heirs forever.

I appoint my loving wife Nancy Bethell, Robert Callaway, Abraham Philips and Drury Smith executors of this my last Will and Testament. Revoking and annulling all other wills by me made do publish this my last will and no other. In witness I set my hand and seal this 30th day of March 1804.

In presence of signed William Bethell

Mary Seales

In the name of God Amen I Mary Seales of the County of Rockingham in the State of North Carolina being of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner following. I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my Body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life. I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner.

Imprimis

Imprimis, I give and bequeath to my Grandson Robert Ray, one negro Woman by the name of Betty and all her future increase hereafter to him and his heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Grandson John Ray, one negro boy by the name of Morris, son of said Betty to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Mary Ray Two negroes W^{ch}, one negro Girl named Anney, and the other a Boy named Ned, children of the said Betty to her and heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson Nathaniel Ray, one negro Boy by the name of Isaac, a son of said Betty to him and his heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Anna Ray two negroes W^{ch} - a Boy by the name of Perry, and a child by the name of George, children of the said Betty to her and her heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Lucy Seales daughter of my son Henry, one feather Bed and furniture, and two Cows to her and heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Nancy Seales a daughter of my son James, one feather Bed and furniture and two Cows to her and her heirs forever.

Item, my Will and desire is that all the remainder part of my estate be equally divided between my children.

I appoint my son James Seales and George Ray Executors of this my last will and Testament revoking all former wills and testaments, revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three.

signed, sealed, published & declared (signed) Mary Seales by the said Mary Seales as her last Will & Testament in the presence of us "Shipwreck Wrayt Elias Ray, Isaac Whittack

George Peay

In the name of God Amen I George Peay Junr of the State of North Carolina and County of Rockingham being very sick and weak of Body but in perfect mind and memory, I know that it is appointed once for all men to die: I recommend my Soul to God that gave it, and my Body to be buried in a decent and Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors Nothing doubting that at the General resurrection I shall receive it again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I Give and bequeath in manner and form following Ver:

I Give and bequeath to William Peay my nephew man named Bernard to him and his heirs forever

I Give and bequeath to George Peay Junr a certain piece or parcel of land beginning at Nathaniel Seales north Corner running a north east Course to a Branch called Pains Spring Branch thence down the said Branch to Dan: river, thence up the said river to the Corner of the said Nathaniel Seales line thence north along the said line to the beginning be the same sixty acres more or less it being the tract wherein the said George Peay Junr now lives to him and his heirs forever. I also Give and bequeath to the said George Peay Junr two negroes by the name of Isaac and Lett to him and his heirs forever.

I Order and request my Executors herein after named to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land containing two hundred acres more or less joining the lands of Sampson Lanier on the Waters of Troublesome in the County aforesaid and that they also sell and dispose of a Store house and Lots in the City of Leaksville.

I Give and bequeath my land wherein I now live containing nine hundred acres be the same more or less unto William Peay, Elias Peay, James Peay, Ambrose Peay and Thomas Peay to them and their heirs forever

I Give and bequeath all the residue of my personal estate including a negro woman named Winny and her children she now has which Bartlett Smith has now in his possession to my children to wit William Peay, George Peay Junr, Elisabeth

Smith Elias Peay, James Peay, Ambrose Peay and Thomas Peay to be equally divided among them and their heirs forever. Lastly I appoint William Peay, James Peay, and Thomas Peay my lawful executors to this my last Will and Testament revoking all former Wills by me made In Witness Whereof I set my hand and seal this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four, and of the Independence of America the XXVIII

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us

(signed) Geo Peay Esq

(signed) John May
Eldon Johnson Junr
George Allen

State of North Carolina
Rockingham County

August: Session 1864

The within last Will and Testament of George Peay was duly proved in Open Court by the oath of John May and on Motion Ordered to be recorded

(signed) R. Gallaway C.

Daniel Harris

In the name of God Amen I Daniel Harris of Rockingham County in the State of North Carolina being sick but of a sound disposing mind and memory calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and that it is appointed for all persons once to die do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Ver: I recommend my Soul to God who gave it, and my Body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors herein after mentioned, and as to what little worldly property it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I Give and dispose of the same in the following manner to wit

In primis, I lend to my beloved wife Sarah during her natural life, all my estate both real