

Pleasant Scales

I Pleasant Scales 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 (decremately) it is my will that the remainder of my estate both real and personal be bequeathed to my beloved wife Charlotte G. Scales 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 conduct it in such a way as to render it most advantageous for the benefit and interest 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 thereto be made by my executor in his fiduciary management of the same between myself and my children equally (three) 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 authorise my said executor to pay for their tuition out of the proceeds of my estate fourth It is my will and desire that my worthy friend Jack Barwell in whom I place implicit confidence be appointed my lawful executor to transact the business of my whole estate in

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in acquaintance with all and every man and woman of this my last will and testament testifying 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 William Wall

Pleasant Scales

W^m Wall

Richard Wall

Pleasant Black

State of North Carolina
Rockingham County November 1825

The within last will and testament of Pleasant Scales being offered for probate the same being proven in open Court by the oaths of Richard Wall and Wm^m Wall subscribing thereto that to it was duly admitted to probate Jack Barwell being named in the will qualified and took out letter testamentary in the same

Robt McAllister Esq

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 uncertainty of my body and knowing that it is apponited 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 command to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the General