

19. Peter Vaughn's
Last Will & Testament

I Peter Vaughn Considering the uncertainty of the mortal life and being of sound mind and memory, I have thought and (for the same) do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following; That that all my lawful debts be paid, I have given and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Vaughn, all my real and personal estate during her natural life or widowhood, consisting of the plantation which I now live; negroes, horses, breeding, Washington, Sully, Maryland, black land, together with my horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and present standing crop and all my farming tools too tedious to mention, and all my household and kitchen furniture, I hereby give unto my wife Sarah, give to my son Mr. Vaughn, two hundred dollars out of the said property that I have bequeathed to her, within four months from the date of this my will and testament.

Fourthly, it is my will and testament, that at the death of my wife Sarah, or if she should change her state of widowhood, to married state, the above estate be divided, between my children, William Samuel, H. Nancy, Polly and Elizabeth Vaughn, and my said wife Sarah, I do hereby appoint my wife Sarah, Executrix of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made, In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 25th July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty one, signed sealed published and Peter Vaughn
declared by the above named

Peter Vaughn, to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us who have hereunto, subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator Charles McKimney & Mr. Bright & James Wilson

The Last will and Testament of Peter Vaughn, of the State of Tennessee Lincoln County,

In the name of God Amen, I James W. Burnes of the County of Lincoln & State of Tennessee being perfect in soundness of mind & memory thank unto God calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed once for all men to die I do make ordain & constitute this my last will & testament (my) principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul to God who gave it, & my body to the earth &c. and as to my worldly estate which it has pleased God to bless me with, I give, devise & dispose of in the following manner (viz) first I will that all my lawful debts be paid, next I will that all the negroes goods & chattels, I am possessed with, be left to the proper use and behoof of my beloved wife Charlotte Burnes during her life, and should she intermarry, the property is still to remain in possession of her & her husband provided he shall keep it for the use of my children that shall hereafter be described, & provided he should not take that care of said property, that may be thought necessary, and for the purpose, as above described, she the said Charlotte Burnes shall have power to exert the same from his hands, & commit it to the proper use of the family, then, I give my son Samuel a horse worth fifty dollars saddle & blanket, which cost thirty to hold as his own individual property, and he is to have no more of my estate during the life of his Mother, my sons John & William A. and William, are to be educated until they can Cypher as far as the double rule of three, they are then to receive after having arrived to the age of eighteen a horse saddle &c, to the same amount of Samuel, provided their Mother may find it convenient to give it to them, I have bequeathed unto my eldest daughter Leah G. Blum one bed & steel furniture for same & some kitchen furniture, for her benefit during life, then to the lawful heirs of her body