

chattels, rights and credits of the deceased, and the proceeds of all his real estate, that may be sold for the payment of his debts, which shall at any time to the possession of the said Dillard & Cooke or to the possession of any other person for him: and further do make a true and just account of his administration within two years after the date of these presents, and all the net and residue of the said proceeds of real estate, goods, chattels and credits, which shall be found remaining upon his account (the same being first examined and allowed by the Court) shall deliver and pay to such person, as the same shall be due unto, pursuant to law: and if it shall appear that any last Will and Testament was made by the deceased, and the Executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same into Court, making request to have it allowed and approved and the said Dillard & Cooke above bound, being thereunto required, do render and deliver the said letters of administration (probate of such testament being first had and made) in the said Court, then this obligation to be void and of no effect.

Signed and sealed
in the presence of }
Isaac Pele
clerk

R. F. Dillard (Seal)
Charles L Cooke (Seal)
B. W. Goodwyn (Seal)
Jos M. E. Rogers (Seal)
Samuel Calvert (Seal)
A. Riddicks (Seal)
Wm Briggs (Seal)
Wm H. Briggs by (Seal)
David H Barnes their atty."

State of North Carolina }
Northampton County }

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County of Northampton at the Courthouse in Jackson on the first Monday in March A.D. 1861. Whereas, it appears to this Court that Mark T. Peete late of said County is deceased and has made a last Will and Testament in writing which was exhibited in this Court and duly proven by the oath and examination of Carr Holland and William A. Joyner, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, wherein he hath appointed E. P. Turner and G. St. Musgrave, Executors. Whereupon the said E. P. Turner and G. St. Musgrave Executors do aforesaid renounce in writing their right to qualify, and whereas R. F. Dillard and Charles L Cooke have made application to the said Court that they be admitted to administer on the said estate and that letters of administration with the Will annexed on the estate of said deceased to them may issue, and they having complied with the requirements of the law in such case made and provided, it is therefore ordered by the Court that letters of administration with the Will annexed, of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said Mark T. Peete issue to the said Charles L Cooke and R. F. Dillard and the same into their possession take wheresoever to be found in this state: and a true and perfect inventory thereof on oath to return into the County Court of said County at the next term from the date of these presents and all the just debts of the said deceased to pay as far as the estate will extend or amount to.

Witness Isaac Pele Clerk of our said Court at Office in Jackson this the 8th day of March 1861. and in the 85th year of American Independence

Isaac Pele clerk

I Mark T. Peete of the County of Northampton, State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. That is to say. I desire the whole of my landed estate to be sold upon such terms as my Executors may hereafter determine for the welfare of my estate, after the payment of all my just debts, I bequeath the proceeds arising from the sale of my land together with what other property wherof I may be seized or possessed to be equally divided between my wife and surviving children, to them and their heirs forever. In the division of my negroes after they are allotted off, I give my wife the privilege to select her portion of said negroes the lot in which my housewoman is placed named Henrietta, or to draw for her lot in the usual way. In the event my wife should renounce