

also leave and Bequeath unto the said Courtney the following articles: viz. my small new portmanto trunk with the contents therein (except cash or papers of any kind should there be any) also all my wearing apparel of all sorts, weareing linen included, my large trunk to keep them in for her son, also a bed and furniture that is in my library room Viz. Bedstead, Hide Matrap feather Bed, bolster and two pillows bought of Benj^m Hicks two bed Blankets Counterpain that I had from my daughter in law Marcy & the curtains about the said beds, all my cotton sheets and pillow beards, one peice of cotton and wool homespun & one piece of flax and cotton of fifty yards each piece. To have and to hold all the above mentioned articles to the said Courtney and after her deceased to her said son Martin when he arrives to the age of twenty one. I also give and bequeath unto her mother Nan 1 p.^c of cotton and wool homespun & one of cotton flax of fifty yards each peice and the like quantity & quality of homespun to her daughter Rachel Sister to Courtney. It is also my will and request that before a

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division is made of my negroes that Alick and Jim do build a House for the Said Courtney floored above and below out of plank that I may have or purchased much to be paid out of my estate

I leave and bequeath unto my son Claudius all those tracts of land purchased of the following persons Viz three hundred and ninety six acres of Philip Dill, two hundred and forty acres of John Harvin, John Hamer, five hundred and ninety acres of Philip Hanson, one hundred and ninety acres of David Dumas the whole situated on the North side of Pee Dee River and joining each other also all that tract of land containing three hundred acres situated on the South Side of Said River purchased of William Rhodes, being part of a four hundred acre tract lying opposite the land I now live on and one joining land now belonging to William Ancrum, also all that tract of land containing three hundred adres known by the name of Goodmans Island purchased of Joseph White paid Mefs.^s Wragg & Rothmaller

to whom it was mortgaged, this last tract includes twenty six acres that I had in exchange on the said Island from William Blofsingham. I also leave & bequeath unto my said Son Claudius the following slaves, Viz. Nero, Bob, & Amy, to have and to hold the above mentioned land together with those slaves that I formerly gave him, with those that I now mention with all their increase that they now have or may hereafter have to him and his heirs forever, and whereas my Said Son Claudius has at this time in his possession three young negroes of my property that I never disposed of Viz. Sam, Son of Adam, Stevens and also, sons of July, which are to be divided with the remainder of my slaves, should he or any of his heirs claim a right by possession of the above mentioned slaves in that case my will is that before a division is made of the remainder of my slaves my son William makes choice out of them of three others negroes equal in value to those claimed by possession, I am certain my son Claudius will never claim what he has no right to but his successor may therefore I put it out of their power.-----

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Lastly all the remainder of my real & personal Estate not before mentioned that I may be possessed of at my deceased, I leave to be divided between my two sons William and Claudius, To have and to hold to them and to their heirs forever, Which Said two sons I hereby appoint Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of July One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Six and in the Eleventh year of the Independence of America

Signed Sealed and declared
by the testator as his last
Will & Testament in presence
of us Alexander Craig.

Recorded in Will Book A.
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Recorded on 1st day of
March, 1790.

D. Hicks

Calvin Spencer

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Daniel Hicks being duly sworn make the oath that he was present
and saw Claudius Pegues the testator named in the within
Instrument of writing, Sign, Seal and execute the same as his
last will and Testament, the said Claudius Pegues being then
of sound mind memory and understanding, that the name Daniel
Hicks subscribed as a witness to the execution of the said
will is the deponent's hand writing and that Alexander Craig
and Calvin Spencer were also present at and witness to the exe-
cution thereto and together with the deponent subscribed their
names as such in the presence of each other and in the presence
& at the request of the testator.

Sworn to in Open Court this 1st day
of March 1790.

J. Winfield Clk. (Seal)

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Codicil to the foregoing will

Whereas by the above will I left my servant maid Courtney free when her Son Martin comes of age, but it may happen her Said Son may die within the time of his coming of age, in that case my will and desire is that at the time of her sons death She should be free from all servitude and at her own disposal and to have and enjoy all the articles left her & her said son mentioned in the foregoing will; to have and to hold to her and her children if any born after she's free, if no children, to revert to my son William and his heirs at her death and over and above the Said mentioned legacies, I leave her at my decease two young cows and calves, two Ewes and Lambs & one young mare and colt, all of her own chusing to be marked and branded particulerly for her. To have hold & enjoy them and all their increase at the same time & on the same condition as the other mentioned articles.

In Witnefs thereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this twenty fourth day of February one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight and in the twelfth year of the Independence of America.

Signed Sealed and declared by the
testator to be a codicil to the
foregoing will and testament

Claudius Pegues (LS)(Seal)

Allen Chapman
D. Hicks

Daniel Hicks being duly sworn maketh oath that he was present and saw Claudius Pegues the testator named in the above codicil Sign Seal & execute the same as a codicil to his last will and testament, the said Claudius Pegues being of sound mind memory and understanding, that the name Danile Hicks subscribed as a witnefs to the Execution of the Said Codicil if the deponents handwriting and that Allen Chapman were also present at and wirnefs to the execution thereto and together with the deponent subscribed their names as such in the presente of each other and in the presence and at the request of the

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testator.

Sworn in Open Court this 1st
Day of March 1790.

J. Winfield Clk. (Seal)

My Last Will & Testament

Codicil to the foregoing Will

Whereas my Son Claudius has in Pofsefsion two negroes which I have not willed to him in the foregoing will viz., Sam Son of Adam & Stephen Son of July in order to prevent any dispute between him and his brother in the division of my estate after my decease, I do hereby leave and bequeath unto my Said Son Claudius, the Saidtwo negroes, Sam & Stephen to him and his heirs forever and as an equivalent for his brother, I leave and bequeath unto my son William the two following negroes viz., Middy Son of Mary deceased and Peter Son of Hester, to have and to hold the Said Two negroes Middy & Peter to him & his heirs forever-----

I also leave and bequeath unto Martin Son of my servant Maid Courtney all that tract of land situate on Whites Creek containing six hundred fifty acres granted to me the fifth day of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy, also the following four negroes, viz., Adam Son of Adam, Ben Son of Mary deceased, Ruth daughter of June & Dido daughter of Moll, To have and to hold all the Said land and four negroes, together with the increase of the Said females unto the Said boy Martin and his heirs forever, The above mentioned property to be and remain in the care of Said Son William until the Said boy Martin comes of age, but in case of the death of my Said Son, my will is that the Said boy Martin and the above mentioned property be removed in the care of my Son Claudius, there to remain until the Said boy comes of age, and it is my desire that the said two negro boys Adam & Ben to be bound to a trade, and the boy Martin be also bound to the same trade

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if possible

And it is my will and desire that this Codicil & every part thereof do Stand good , anything mentioned to the contrary in the foregoing will notwithstanding. In Witnefs whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 24th May 1789.

Signed Sealed and declared by)

the testator to be a codicil (

Claudius Pegues (LS) (Seal)

to the foregoing last will)

and testament. In the pre- (

sence of us)

Mary Powe

John Jones

William Powe

William Powe being duly sworn maketh oath that he was present & saw Claudius Pegues the testator named in the above codicil Sign Seal and execute the same as his codicil to his last will and Testament, the Said Claudius Pegues being then of sound Mind memory and understanding that the name William Powe subscribed as a witness to the execution execution of the said codicil is the deponents handwriting and that Mary Powe and John Jones were also present at and witness to the execution thereto and together with the deponents subscribed their names as such in the presence of each other and at the request of the testator.

Sworn to in open Court. 1st day of March 1790

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Recorded in Will Book A.

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J. Winfield Clk.

will from 1st Reges in U.S.
Henry Marshall & Hayatts Co.
Reges families descended
from these slaves.