

In the Name of God Amen I William Pea-  
gum of Stamington in the County of Devon Blacksmith  
 now residing in St Johns Newfoundland being sick and  
 weak but of perfect sound mind and memory blessed be  
 God for the same and well knowing the uncertainty  
 of Life and that it hath pleased God that all men once  
 must die, do make and ordain this to be my last Will  
 and Testament. Viz. First. Order that all my  
 just debts shall be paid and my Body to be buried  
 in a decent Christian like manner at the directions of my  
 Executors.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my Cousin John  
Write my Apprentice Ten Pounds and all my wearing ap-  
 parel and silver watch.

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife  
Elizabeth Peagum the Bed and Bedding I now lay on, her  
 wearing apparel and one third of all Moneys and Effects,  
 after my just debts are paid burying Charges & Lega-  
 cies. Bad and desperate debts due to me are deducted  
 the Legacy the one third to be paid by my Executors  
 within one Twelve month after my decease.

Fourthly I order that John Write Indentures  
 are deliver'd up to him and to be free from his Apprentice-  
 ship at my decease.

Fifthly I give and bequeath unto John Peagum  
 my Brother living in Woodbery in Devon nigh Topham  
 the remaining or two thirds of all my Moneys Goods  
 debts due and owing to me of what kind & nature so

never to be found after paying as above And I do here-  
-ly nominate and appoint him the said John Peagum  
my Brother my whole and sole Executor to this my last  
Will and Testament revoking and disannulling all  
Wills or Bequeaths whatsoever by me before made, and in  
the Absence of my Brother John Peagum I do hereby  
Nominate and Appoint my Trusty friends W<sup>th</sup> And<sup>th</sup>  
Barnes Boatkeeper and W<sup>th</sup> William Masters Watchma-  
-ker both now residing in St. John aforesaid Executors  
in Trust for the performance of the above Will and to  
allow themselves reasonable payment for the same  
and my Desire is that they will take the said Effects  
in their Custody after my Decease as soon as Decency  
will permit. In Witness hereto I have hereunto set my  
Hand & Seal in St. Johns Newfoundland twenty fourth  
Day of June one Thousand seven hundred and Eighty  
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(Signed Will<sup>m</sup> Peagum

Read signed Read & Declared. - - }  
this and no other to be my last. - - }  
Will & Testament in the presence of }  
Sam<sup>l</sup>. Sutsham - John Harvey)

Entered at the request of M<sup>r</sup> Andrew  
Barnes one of the Clerks and by order of the  
Governor -

J. W. H. H. H.