

**Will of Peter Vaughan, 1816, Dinwiddie County, Virginia\***  
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In the name of God Amen, I **Peter Vaughan** of the County of Dinwiddie being weak and sick in body but of sound & perfect sense & memory thanks be to God, do make and ordain this to be my last will & testament revoking all others heretofore made by me.-

Item I give & bequeath to my **son Lemuel H. Vaughan** the tract of land called the Mill including the Mill with it containing three hundred and fifty four acres to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my **son Peter Edwin Vaughan**, that tract or parcel of land whereon my dwelling House now stands containing three hundred and fifty four acres, adjoining the land I shall leave **his brother James B. Vaughan** on East, to him and his heirs forever.-

Item I give & bequeath to my **son James B. Vaughan**, three hundred and fifty four acres land called the old place adjoining Arthurs Swamp and will adjoin the line of his **brother Peter Edwin Vaughan**, to him and his heirs forever.-

Item, I give & bequeath to my **son Alfred Jefferson Vaughan**, three hundred & fifty four acres of land it being in part of the land I purchased of David McCulloch and the other part to make up his quantity to be taken out of the two tracts of land I purchased of William & Thomas Browder & his heirs forever.-

Item, I give & bequeath to my **son Benjamin Joseph Vaughan**, three hundred and fifty four acres land, it being in part to be taken out of balance left by his **brother Alfred J. Vaughan** of the tracts of land I purchased of the Browders and the balance to be taken out of the land I received and purchased of **John Boisseaus** Estate over the Creek called Hatchers run, to him & his heirs forever.-

Item, I give & bequeath to my **daughter Elizabeth Boisseau** a negro woman named Littis with her two children Rochester and Anthony to her and her heirs forever.-

Item, I give & bequeath to my **daughter Nancy B. Boisseau**, a negro woman named Patience and her boy child to her and her heirs forever.-

Item, I give & bequeath to my daughter **Patsey Poithress Vaughan**, a negro girl named Anna, also a negro child named Delsey, to her and her heirs forever.-

& Lastly I appoint my **son Lemuel H. Vaughan**, as Executor of this my last Will & Testament.

in witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & affixed my seal this **6th day of May 1816**.  
Sealed & acknowledged}  
in the presence of us

**Jos. Whitehead**  
**William Vaughan**  
**Jeremiah Vaughan**

**Peter Vaughan** seal

At a Court held for Dinwiddie County, on Monday the **15th day of July 1816.-**

This last will and testament of **Peter Vaughan** decd. was presented into Court by **Lemuel H. Vaughan** executor thereon named, who moved the Court by his Counsel, that the said will might be admitted to record, and the same being proved according to law by the oaths of **Joseph Whitehead, William Vaughan and Jeremiah Vaughan** the subscribing witnesses thereto by the Court ordered to be recorded -

and there upon came **Thomas H. Boisseau & Benjamin Boisseau** who opposing the validity and probat of the said Will, prayed on Appeal from the decision of this Court, to the next Superior Court to be holden for the said County on the first Monday in September next, which is granted.

Whereupon, by an abstract from the records of the said Superior Court, It seems to that Court, that there is no error in the Judgement or order of this Court, and it is considered by that Court that the same be affirmed, which was ordered to be, and is accordingly certified to this Court.

And at another Court held for our said County on Monday the **20th day of October 1817**, On motion of the said **Lemuel H. Vaughan**, executor as aforesaid, who made oath to the said Will according to law, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form, giving security, whereupon he together with **Benj. Boisseau, Thomas H. Boisseau & James H. Boisseau** his Securities, entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of five thousand dollars, conditioned as the law directs.-

**Teste J.Nicholas C.D.C.**  
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**Teste J..P. Crump C.D.C.**

*\*(copy of which is from the Library of Virginia archives, burned county records)*

*Dinwiddie Co, GenWeb*

*<http://www.vagenweb.org/dinwiddie/wills/vaughan-peter-1816.htm>*