

Francis Pearce

In the name of God amen I Francis Pearce of the County of
Chatham State of North Carolina being well in health at present &
of perfect mind use memory thanks be given unto God forth, come
but calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it
is appointed for all once to die, do make and ordain this my last
Will and Testament that I do say first of all as touching such worldly
estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I
give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner, I give I
give to my son Joseph P. Pearce five shillings also I give my son
Benj. Pearce five shillings also I give to my daughter Frances Pears five
shillings, also I give to my daughter Elizabeth Branch one bed and furniture
also I give to my Grand Son by the name of John H. Parker one hundred dollars
to be put out upon interest after ^{my} death untill he comes of age, and if he dies before
he comes of age I want my grand daughter Frances Davis or Miss Mary Pearce, Letitia
Mottley, Elizabeth Branch, Martha Davis and Martha Mason to have the hundred
dollars equally divided among them also I give to my daughter Mary Pearce one sixth
but the sixth is to come out after her part I want the rest of my property estate & the
money equally divided between Mary Pearce, Letitia Mottley, E. Branch, Martha Mason & Frances
Davis or Miss Letitia Sue. I do constitute make and appoint Mr. Coggesell & Mr. Parker
sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby disannul all & every
other former Will, bequest & devise by me in any way made or bequeathed
satisfying and conforming thereto and no other to be my last Will and Testament, In

M. Pearce's Will

Will and Testament that it is to say first of all as touching such worldly
estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I
give and dispose of the same in the following manner, I first
give to my son David H. Pearce five shillings also I give to my son
Benj. Pearce five shillings also I give to my daughter Frances Pearce five
shillings, also I give to my daughter Elizabeth Branch one bed and furniture
also I give to my Grand Son by the name of John H. Parker one hundred dollars
to be put out upon interest after ^{my} death untill he come of age, and if he dies before
he come of age I want my grand daughter Frances Lewis or Miss Mary Pearce, Malinda
Mottley, Elizabeth Branch, Martha Lewis and Martha Mason to have the hundred
dollars equally divided among them also I give to my daughter Mary Pearce one cow
but the cow is to come out of her part I want the rest of my property sold & the
money equally divided between Mary Pearce, Malinda Mottley, E. Branch, Martha Mason & Frances
Lewis or Miss Martha Lewis. I also heretofore made an appointment Mr. Hoggatt Mr. Parker
John Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby disannul all my
other former Wills legacies, bequests & gifts by me in any way made and do hereby
ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament, In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 29th
of October in the year of our Lord Christ 1824, signed sealed & acknowledged
in presence of us ^{his} Harriet H. Branch ^{her} Frances H. Pearce ^{her}
^{mark} ^{mark}
J. H. Green

Watauga County (Then this Will was exhibited in open Court and duly
Witnessed Aug 1821) proved by the Oath of Saml W. Branch W. J. and others who say
that the Testator was at the time of signing the same of perfect
Mind and Memory and the Motion Ordered &c. recorded - Whereupon William Parker
one of the Executors therein named, Came in and was duly qualified, where
Jesse Richard Epps C. Clk

In the Name of God Amen, I Robert W. Smith of Watauga County and State of
North Carolina being very sick and weak of body but imperfect mind and memory
thanks be given unto God calling to mind the Mortality of the body & knowing that it
is appointed for all Men once to die, Do make and Ordain this my last Will and
Testament - That is to say, principally (and first of all) I give and recommend my soul unto
the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my Body I recommend to the earth to be
buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting
but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of
God, and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on this
life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner - I give to my
Son Thomas W. Smith a tract of land lying on the Cypress Swamp which late Saml &
purchased at the sale of Christopher Moore containing four hundred & forty acres
more or less which and his heirs forever, I give to my Son Arthur Smith a tract of
land lying on the East Side of M. Morflet Mill Pond which I purchased of Thad. Wal
containing five hundred & thirty acres more or less which and his heirs forever, I give
to my Son Ruffin Smith the Tract of land on which I now live containing three hundred