

John Pearson
Will

In the name of God Amen I John Pearson being in good health
and sound memory as witness this my last will and Testament First of all I leave
all my Just debts and funeral Expenses to be paid Secondly I leave all my Estate
Except my negroes at my death to be sold and the money so arising with the Bonds
and money I have by me to be put to interest and for my negroes to be lived a
out till such time as my son Johnson doth come to the age of twenty one years and
for my three youngest children Vise Johnson Patsy and Sisley to be raised and
Schooled out of the hire of my negroes and Interest of the money Thirdly, it is my
Will and desire that when my son Johnson comes to the age of twenty one years
for my negroes Vise, Bloey, Neer, juca, Bet and Adam and their increase, be
put in three equal Lots Fourthly I will and bequeath unto my son Johnson the
one third part of my negroes and third of all the rest of my Estate be it of what kind or
kindness soever to him and his heirs for ever Fifthly I will and bequeath unto my
Daughter Patsy one third part of my negroes and one third part of the rest of my
Estate to her and her heirs for ever Sixthly I will and bequeath unto my Daughter
Sisley the other third part of my negroes and one third of all the rest of my Estate to her
and her heirs for ever and I appoint my son Morris Pearson and son John
Pearson my heirs and soe Executors of this my Last will whereunto I have fixt
my hand and seal this 15th day of June 1797 in the presence of

George Johnson
Susannah Brewer
Cannan Jones

John ^{his} Pearson, set
Mark

Brunswick County Court July 23rd 1798
This last will and Testament of John Pearson de^{ce} was proved by the oaths of the
Witnesses therein and sworn to be recorded and on the motion of Morris and John
Pearson the Executors therein named they having made oath, according to law, and
together with John Gossett and Owen M. Fletcher their securities entered into
and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Five thousand Dollars with condition
as the law directs and is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form

John
White 1796