

At a Court held for Isle of Wight County April 17<sup>th</sup> 1739/40

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Neuman deceased presented  
in Court by John Neuman his Eldest Son in Law who made and  
oath thereto and being proved by the oaths of James Gandy, Thomas  
Parro the witness's thereto is Admitted to Records

Jas. Baker Esq.

True Recorded before Jas. Baker Esq.

In the Name of God Amen March 19<sup>th</sup> 1739/40  
I Thomas Pearce of Isle of Wight County being Very Sick and Weak but  
of perfect and sound memory thanks be to God and having to mind the  
mortality of my Body and knowing it is appointed for all men once  
to die to make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament first I  
recommend my soul to Almighty God that gave it and my Body to be  
Buried at a decent Christian Burial and with what worldly Estate  
it hath been pleased God to possess me with in this world I give and  
Dispose of in the following Manner No<sup>r</sup> P

I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mary Pearce my House & Lot  
in Hampton and one Negro Boy Named Cuffe and to her Heirs lawfully  
Begotten of her Body and in case of no Issue then the House I Give  
to my Daughter Martha and the Negro Boy Named Cuffe and one  
Bed and Furniture and a fourth part of all I am worth after my Debts  
are paid except here after what I shall Give away to be Delivered to  
her after she is of age or in a year of the day of her Marriage if  
last happens. At MD<sup>r</sup> I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Martha  
Pearce One Negro Boy Named Sage and one fourth part of what I  
am worth as above

Item I Give a Bequeath to my son Thomas Pearce my Plantation on  
Pagan Creek and in case he dies before he is of age then to my  
Daughter