

State of Georgia, In the name of God Amen,
Chattanooga County, & Thomas Pearce of the County and State aforesaid being
of sound mind and disposing memory and being affeck-
ed that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper before I die
myself and family that I shall make a disposition of the property with which
a kind Providence has blessed me, therefore make this my last will and Testam-
ent hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.
Item 1. I desire and direct that my body be decently buried and Christianlike
and more suitable to my circumstances in life.

Item 2. I desire and direct that my just debts be paid by my executors
immediately and appointed as soon as possible my creditors shall be so
paid in their just rights any losses that it will take to collect all debts
the Estate said money to be expended in paying my creditors.

Item 3. I bequeath to my beloved wife Isabella all my personal and real
estate for the benefit and support of herself and unmarried children during
the term of her natural life so long as she continue with her giving her assistance
in making up a sufficient off of the estate so far as is consistent
with their sex.

Item 4. I bequeath and give to my two single daughters Martha
Pearce & Emma Pearce at marriage or death of their Mother each one forth
a bed bottom and head board, blanket box, bolster, and pillows also one
an off the table cloth and of good quality also their clothing chests
which may contain also some articles utensils set plates cups & saucers also
one set dishes and glasses.

Item 5. I further my wife that since my two daughters Martha & Emma
are to have the same vestments say to her after this Mother's death when
and in that case she be entitled to a legacy from the rest of my plantation house
which may contain say to be appropriated to their separate entanglements
until the death of the same unmarried to them and should either
one or both of them die and the other continue say to them and in that case the one
shall have and be entitled to her name attorney for both so long as she remains
single.

Item 6. It is my will and wish that my son Alexander H Pearce remain
on the plantation that he build a house in some portion of my lot of land and
that he be allowed to have any amount therein he may wish to cultivate the
use of which he shall have say not as the it was his own so long as his wife
lives and after his death if his sister or either of them continue single and
have no inheritance of the house and farm retained by him as above he shall have
the use of all that he hath or may obtain during that period renfrew a widow.

Item 7. It is my intention to give to my son A H Pearce a good farm house and
lot and brick also one acre and half an acre less bedstead and clothing bottom and
pillows thousand if he like to do so when he goes to building house but should he
before that intention is completed with them and in that case it is my will that
all these things be given him as soon as consistent after my death.

Item 8. It is my will and wish that at the death of my beloved wife that
if my daughters are neither married nor dead and are so situated that they
either of them want help house take care of the stock or so use it to aid and
support that all of my personal property be sold and the proceeds thereof
equally divided between any then living children so in further my will
with that my beloved wife Isabella sell any surplus

best care she private for the benefit and support of herself and remaining
sons and daughters also that she is entitled to have any person white
to black more affiant to live with her and attend to farm house or any
any other business she may wish to be paid out of any funds in hand arising
from the farm or otherwise.

Then the 2d is further my desire that after the death of my beloved wife
and the marriage & death of my two sons leave a daughter to me. Martha
I leave to her the last 1/2 of my lot of land to set her off
by a line running from North to South which contains most part of said
lot by north unto me son Thomas C. Lee it was my intent to have her take
all the property in any way and if she be not of discretion then out in that case the
right becoming my wife in his legal heir and one which has the first
and can never be less giving them the benefit thereof as in the east part
of said lot of land with the other two sons in the one which my heirs are
to stand with our opportunities together without any provision properly be
made to the best advantage and the presents being well divided between my
other four children if living if not then I have 1/4 each to be left to my
son John C. Lee now. My Son Lewis C. Lee

Then the 3d is further my will and desire that all the money which will become
due from the sale of my medicine at home or abroad after paying my just debts
be given and come to my beloved wife to use in the very strict best for the
benefit and comfort of herself and single children and furthermore
any one of my children to accompany her in and leave my line and
leave nothing in my line as the same still living
then that it is my will and desire that I do hereby appoint my son William
as Power Executor of this my last will and testament the 20th May of
August 1854

I do now seal and witness after executing and publishing by myself
Thomas C. Lee my last will and testament in presence of us the subscribers
my subscribers whom hereunto subscribe my signature to it at his home
residence and residence in presence of each other the 20th May of
October 1854. We the undersigned do attest and declare this day by our hands
to attest our hand

Thomas C. Lee

William C. Lee
W. G. Clegg
John C. Lee
L. C. Lee

Seal of Ordinance

1855

The last will and testament of Thomas C. Lee having been probated in
Oconee County and pronounced valid the 20th of October 1854
and W. C. Lee executor be it ordered that the same be admitted to record
in the Clerk's Office.

Georgia

Chattooga County 20th the month of Oct 1855

John Lee being of sound mind and memory
do make this my last will and testament revoking all others

then I do desire to be decently buried

I do desire that my executors have information