

Last Will and Testament of Leroy L. Pearce

266

State of Georgia }
 Harris County } In the Name of God Amen.
 I Leroy L. Pearce of County of Harris and State of Georgia
 being of Sound Mind and Memory do make and publish this my
 Last Will and Testament. Verily knowing all things heretofore made
 by me. And first I commend my soul to God who gave it.
 My worldly estate I dispose of as follows.

- Item 1st That my real Estate and Personal Property be held together and
 Managed by those whom I shall designate, just as while I am
 living for the purpose of raising and educating my younger
 Children that all of them may have an equal sharing and home
 until they become of age.
- Item 2nd In the Management of my estate I desire that it shall be managed
 so that each one of my Children as they become of age shall have
 a Horse, as I have given to the older one, either by raising of them
 on the premises or purchasing of consistent.
- Item 3rd If in the judgment of those whom I shall designate to my Manager
 my estate they cannot give a Horse to each one of my Children
 as they become of age, at the final distribution, they shall have their Horses
 or its equivalent before those who have had a Horse can come in for
 any further interest.
- Item 4th I do when my youngest Child shall become of age my Wife should
 then be living, she shall have the right to hold the property together
 so long as she shall live.
- Item 5th If after my Wife should depart this life before my youngest Child
 should become of age, it is my will that Mr. J. Samuel shall
 hold the property together until my youngest Child shall become of age,
 and manage it to the best of his ability for the interest of all that may
 be interested.
- Item 6th It is my will that my Wife and my son J. Samuel shall be left
 as my Executor and Executrix at my death.
 In Witness Whereof I the said Leroy L. Pearce to this my Will
 Consisting of the foregoing three sheets of Paper have set my hand
 and Seal this 12th day of August 1872.

Leroy L. Pearce (L)

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the above named
 Leroy L. Pearce as his Last Will and Testament, in presence of
 us, who at his request in pursuance hereof of each other
 have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Wm. C. Cotton
 Wm. H. Thompson
 names of witnesses

Georgia Harris County

I do solemnly swear that the within Content is the true last
 Will of the within named Leroy L. Pearce as far as I know or believe
 and that I will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the
 of this State to help me God.

Given to and subscribed before me
 this 7th 1872

J. L. Pearce

Last Will and Testament of Leroy L. Pearce dec'd.

County of Harris }
State of Georgia } Court of Ordinary June Term 1875.

Personally appeared before me J. Saml. Pearce Constituted and Appointed Executor in a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Leroy L. Pearce late of said County dec'd and produced, said paper writing for probate and also appeared James Smith one of the subscribing witnesses who being duly sworn depose and swear that he saw the said Leroy L. Pearce sign said will and declare the said paper writing "now presented" as his last will and Testament freely, voluntarily of his own accord without any compulsion or undue influence whatever and that he saw Wm. H. Crofton and Wm. H. Thompson the other subscribing witnesses sign said will that they all signed said will in the presence of the Testator at his request and that said Testator was of sound disposing mind and memory.

Sworn to and Subscribed }
before me June 7th 1875. } James Smith
J. F. C. Williams }
Ordry