

In the name of God, Amen, I Joshua Pearce of Screven County &
State of Georgia being in perfect health & sound of mind & memory than
has been given to God thank calling to mind the mortality of my body I know
that it is appointed for all men to once to die do make & publish this my
last will & testament, that is to say Principally & first of all I give & re-
commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my
body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like
manner at the discretion of my Executors & Executors nothing doubting
but at the General Resurrection shall rise the same again by the om-
nipotent power of God & as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has
pleased God to bless me in this life I lend devise & dispose of the
same in the following manner & form after paying all my free
Debts first I leave unto my dear beloved wife Sarah Pearce

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which I appoint as Executors to this my last will & Testament all
that part of my whole Estate during her widowhood & during to be run
that time without her consent, Secondly I give & bequeath unto my
beloved son William Pearce who I appoint Executors two tracts of land
in the plantations whereof one is containing sixty acres more or less
beginning at my South Corner over the first Branch of first pond & running
in the ^{course} beginning on the west line to the ditch that drains the pond &
long a direct course of the ditch through the Pond to the East
corner, the ^{beginning} also my Negro, ^{settled} Bob and one hundred of land
beginning his rich pond to be laid out, he please, said hundred acres is part
of a tract bought at Publick sale containing sixtysix hundred acres,
by Forty Pound I give said son ~~son~~ while I lend him to pay for a
much bought of Mr. Lunday named Linder also Ten Hundred Twenty five
acres of Land which shall be for the use of the Mill to be equally divided
between my two sons William & Stephen Pearce in 6th in the Mill corner
also lend unto my beloved daughter Sarah M. May my Nuttall girl named
in & all her inheritance to be equally divided amongst her Children at her
death; I also lend unto my beloved son Joshua Pearce who I appoint
Executor with William & Stephen all three of my sons, My two Negroes
known by the name of Cuffe & Mary & all her inheritance during his natural
life, and at his death to be equally divided amongst said Joshua Pearce & others.
I also give unto my beloved son Joshua all my wearing apparel at my
death, I also give & bequeath unto my beloved son Stephen Pearce my two
Negroes known by the name of Philip & Hanger, I also give & bequeath
unto ~~my~~ said son Stephen all my Buildings where I & son Stephen now
reside & plantation of one hundred & twenty five acres being more or less
being ^{the} part of a two Hundred acre tract, also one large Oak Table one dozen
half dozen Windsor Chairs, one half dozen silver tea spoons, all my other
house hold & kitchen furniture & plantation tools & all other things that
are not given away heretofore, are to be equally divided amongst all my
children viz, William, Sarah, Joshua & Stephen this is to certify
that I disannul all other wills heretofore made by me in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the 10th day of Sept. in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seven, and in the
fifty second year of American Independence.

Joshua Pearce Senr. Seal
Joshua Pearce Senr. I do hereby certify that I was present at said
Joshua Pearce Senr. sign the above will & also saw said other witnesses sign said
will as witness my hand this 10th Sept. 1807
Georgia,

William H. Gross A.P. -
Personally appeared in open Court Joshua Pearce who
being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he was present & saw Joshua
Pearce Senr. sign Seal & acknowledge the within to be his last will
& Testament also swears that Gideon Reynolds did sign together
with himself as witnesses the same.

