

Witnesses present at signing

Jas Ellison

Thomas Campen

John Wallis

June Court 1761

Present his Majesty's Justices

These are Certify that the within Will was Proved in Open Court by the Oath of Jas Ellison Evidence thereto Ordered to be Recorded

Teste

Wth Ormond C. C^t

In the name of God Amen. I Edmond Pearce of Beaufort County in the Province of North Carolina being in good health in body and sound mind and memory blessed be God and knowing the mortality of all men that it is appointed of all men once to die. I do therefore make my last Will and Testament and first I recommend my soul into the hands of God my faithful Creator my Body to the Dust nothing doubting but it shall be raised at the General Resurrection and both Body and Soul be united together through the merits of my Dearest Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and as Touching such worldly Estate as God has been pleased to bless me with in this life I will and bequeath in manner following first I give and bequeath to my Dear and well beloved Wife my negro wench named Nell also all the mares cattle and all the hogs that shall be found in my mark at my Decease to her and her heirs or assigns forever likewise I lend to my loving wife all the rest of my Estate. For and during the Term of her Widowhood and no longer - Item I give and bequeath to my loving Son Edmond Pearce my negro man named Boston and one feather bed to him the sd Edmond his heirs or assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath to my loving Son Larras Pearce his heirs or assigns forever my negro Boy named Jack and my negro girl named Peggy Item I give and bequeath to my loving Daughter Sarah Johnson fifty pounds proclamation money

to be paid by my Executors to her her heirs forever Item I give and bequeath to my loving Son Joshua Pearce his heirs or assigns forever my negro man named Sam Item I give and bequeath to my loving Son Thomas Pearce his heirs or assigns forever my negro boy named Innocence Item I give and bequeath to my loving Daughter Rachel Pearce my negro boy named Dick and my negro girl named Betsy and one feather bed and furniture to her heirs or assigns forever Item I give and bequeath to my loving Daughter Mary Worsley my negro boy named Will and my negro boy named Peter to her heirs or assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath to my loving Son Benjamin Pearce his heirs or assigns forever my Land commonly known by the name of Buck point and my negro man named Adam one bed and furniture and my big gun and my horse called nob.

Item I give and bequeath to my loving Son Hezekiah Pearce to him his heirs or assigns forever my negro woman named Sue and my negro girl named Dinah one feather bed and furniture and my young mare called Phoenix and my butting gun and all my Land the other side of the little cut running up the piggery ^{road} to the west coast to the back line and my big walnut Table. Item I give and bequeath to my loving Son Joseph Pearce to him his heirs or assigns forever my negro wench named Jane and my negro and my negro girl named Phoeby and all their increases and one bed and furniture and my little gun and my Desk and my horse called Butler and my plantation whereon I now live and my goods not mentioned here my wish that they shall be equally divided among my three youngest sons and my wife's Decease.

My will and Desire is that if son Joseph die without heir that my son Hezekiah shall have his plantation - and I do hereby constitute appoint my loving wife Rachel Pearce my Executor and my loving Son Joshua Pearce and my loving Son Thomas Pearce my Executors to this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this

7th Day of March 1758

Edmond Pearce

(Seal)

Signed and Delivered
in the presence of
Jas Degge
Sarah Degge
Hulman Hill