

Present his Majesty's Justices

These are to Certify that Horatio Brock and Hilary Ellegood
Two of the subscribing witnesses to the within Will appeared in
Open Court & made Oath on the holy Evangelist that they were
present & saw Thomas More Sign Seal & declare the within In-
strument of writing to be his last Will and Testament & that the
said Thomas More was at that time of Sound & disposing mind
& Memory & that they also saw Hanner Vines the other subscrib-
ing witness sign her name thereto at the same time when Sarah
More Ex^{tr} of the said Will appeared in Open Court & took the
oath of an Ex^{tr} in due form. Thereupon It was Ordered by the
said Court that Mr Secretary have Notice thereof that Letters
Testamentary Issue thereupon as the Law Directs

Wm Curiam Wile Ormond Clerk Court

North Carolina }
Beaufort County }

In the Name God Amen

I John Tripp of the County & province aforesaid
Being Sick and weak in body but of Sound mind and memo-
ry for which I Bless God for it and calling to memory that
all flesh must Die I make and consider this to be my last
Will and Testament Revoking all other Wills made before this
Imprimis I give and bequeath my Soul to my God who gave it
and my Body to the Earth whenever it comes to be Decently Bur-
ied at the Discretion of my Ex^{tr} Executor hereafter mentioned
and as for my worldly Estate which God has blessed me with
my will and Desire is as follows.

Item I Bequeath to my well beloved Wife Sarah Tripp the Life
of negro fellow ball Sam and a Negro wench Cal^d Diria During
her natural life and likewise I desire I lend my well beloved
wife the plantation where now I live on During her natural life
likewise lend her one feather bed & furniture During her natural
life and one Dish and Six Rooster plates and Six Spoons and one
Iron Pot and the use of Harp and likewise I lend my well
beloved wife Sarah Tripp four Cows & Calves and five Hogs

and one Ram During her natural life

Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Son John Tripp
one Shilling lawful money of Great Britain

Item I Give and bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Dor-
othy Rose one Shilling lawful money of Great Britain

Item I Give and bequeath to my well beloved Son Henry Tripp
one Negro Girl called Rosa to him and his heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath to my well beloved Son William Tripp
one negro called Tommy and one negro wench called Margaret
and my strict Desires is if my well beloved Son William should
die without Issues that his negroes and Land comes to my
well beloved Son Revell Tripp, and if my well beloved Son
Revell Tripp Dies before he hath any issue that all I bequea-
th & give him do return to his brother William Tripp

Item I Give and bequeath to my well beloved Son Revell
Tripp after the Decease of my well beloved wife a negro
called Sam & Diria and I bequeath to my well beloved Son
Revell a negro boy called Ben and likewise one bed and furni-
ture to him and if he dies without Issue to go to his brother
William and I Bequeath my well beloved Son William Tripp
a bed and furniture.

further my wish and Desire is as follows

I Give and Devise to my well beloved Son William Tripp two
hundred and forty acres of Land in this Patten with the
Land which I am now giving my Son Revell after the
decease of my beloved wife

I give and Devise to my well beloved Son Revell Tripp the
Plantation where I now live and One hundred acres of after
the Decease of my well beloved wife and if either William or
Revell Dies without Issue the said Land to go to the survivors
and my further Desire is that Everything which is not Given in
this my Will may be Divided Equally between my well beloved
Sons William & Revell Tripp

I Desire & constitute to be my lawful Executor to this my Last
Will and Testament my well beloved Sons William and Revell
Tripp. In Witness Hereunto I set my hand and Seal this
Second Day of November Anno Domini 1753.

John Tripp (Seal)
enter Line after sign

Witnesses present at signing

Jas Ellison

Thomas Campen

John Wallis

June Court 1761

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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 male 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 increase 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