

In the event of death, which I now think
may come quite soon - I wish this to be my last
will & Testament.

It is my trust and hope my brother Storer may be able
to dispose of the property we purchased from Col. Marchion
without suffering a loss to himself or to my estate.
Should he be my survivor he has full power & authority
under a contract now existing between us to dispose
of the Marchion property as he shall deem best.

It will be necessary to sell a part of my Negroes or
Land in Deer County to discharge my debts up the coun-
try - I leave this matter entirely discretionary with
my Executors fully authorizing them to sell Land
and Negroes without incurring the expense of Court
costs - I wish my Wife to have a full share

of my Estate after the payment of debts and also
for the use of herself & family all the House hold
& kitchen furniture, the carriage & a pair of Horses
or Mules her choice - also a Cook woman, house
girl and servant boy - which is all the share
I would ever in her life keep about her at any time.
I would assign all the balance of the money to be
sold, of this she must exercise her own discretion.

In case my Wife should marry again I wish the
whole of the property she receives from my estate
either in her own right or in the right of the
children to pass into the hands of my Executors
or guardians to be appointed by the Court or
she may prefer who shall hold the same for
the benefit of herself & the children - free from
the control of her husband and at her death
divide the whole equally among my children
upon the marriage or arrival at age of each of
my children I wish this share of my property

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to be handed over to them and after the death
of their mother all of her interest in my es-
tate to be equally divided between our chil-
dren. I constitute & appoint R. M. Pearce, J. S. Pear-
son, Dr. W. H. Beatty & W. Anderson all his executors
to this my last Will. I Testament, involving
all others. In Witness my hand & seal this
12. day of February 1847.

G. W. Pearce

R. M. Pearce
J. S. Pearson
Dr. W. H. Beatty
W. Anderson

As a Corollary of an explanation of the above will (which
was written in considerable bodily pain) I add the
following which I wish taken as part of my Will -

I expect my Wife to reside with our children on
the Lot in Northville until she can select and
procure a more suitable residence. I fully
authorize her with the approbation of my Executors
to sell that place or any of the servants
and purchase for herself & family other property
that may suit them better. I also authorize
in my Executors to sell with her approbation any
portion or the whole of the balance of my E-
state whether Real, personal, or Mixed and after
payment of debts invest the proceeds in good
stocks or funds or interest for the benefit of the
family - I wish five hundred dollars
of money or provisions allowed my Wife
for years support of herself & family that years
should either of them I have named executor, de-
cline to qualify or such within six months after
an opportunity to do so is afforded them it shall

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In consideration a final refusal on their part,
the appointment of such person is evoked
I caution my Executors to reflect that well
before they sell my Graham Land that
young persons on receiving a valuable per-
tural estate in Realty are more apt to make
a good use of it than if it is paid
over to them in Money.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my
hand and seal this 28th day 1847.

G. W. Pearson

Witness

W. H. Hardin

R. C. Bolden

G. Lillington

State of North Carolina
Cumberland County

Court of Pleas & Quarter Session, Term Term 1847.

Now in open Court Richard M. Pearson offers for probate
the above paper writing as the last Will & Testament of
Giles W. Pearson decd. and it being shown to the satisfaction
of the Court here by the oath of Robert C. Bolden, that the
said last will and Testament & codicil ~~was~~
executed by the said Giles W. Pearson, and subscribed by him
in the presence of William H. Hardin, Robert C. Bolden
and George Lillington, who at his request and in his
presence, and the presence of each other subscribed their
names as witnesses, it is considered by the Court that the
said paper writing and every part thereof is the last Will
and Testament of said Giles W. Pearson, sufficient in law
to pass his real and personal estate, and the same is
admitted to probate, and it is ordered to be recorded.
The J. Pearson, William H. Bolden, & M. A. Ellis examined

The execution of the said Will: therefore Richard M.
Pearce, the other named Executor is qualified according
to law, & is admitted to act accordingly.

From the Minutes

J. M. Landon
Clerk

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J. M. Landon

Clerk

J. M. Landon & M. A. L.