

Bladen County
North Carolina

September 16th 1848

In the Name of God Amen
I John Stokes Pearson being of sound
mind & memory; but weak in Health
do make this my last Will & Testament
revoking all others that I have made before
Do constitute & appoint My Brother P. B.
Pearson My true & lawful ~~sole~~ Executor to
settle all my business of any kind; and
also appoint him Guardian for My Sons
Wm. G. B. Pearson & John Stokes Pearson; and
do appoint My Sister Eliza M. Beatty Guar-
dian for my Two Daughters Eliza P. Pearson
& Annabella Pearson - In Witness where-
- of I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my Seal day & date above written

J. S. Pearson *[Signature]*

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of me page 109
John Stewart
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North Carolina 33 Chatham County Court
June Term 1849

Now in open Court the within paper for writing is
produced for probate as the last Will & Testament of
John Stokes Pearson, ~~deceased~~ & it appearing to the
Court ~~that~~ the satisfaction of the Court here by the oath
of Charles P. Mallett, that the said paper writing
was found among the valuable papers or effects
of the deceased John Stokes, & it appearing to the
Court by the oath of Charles P. Mallett, Charles
Montague & Jonathan Evans, that the hand-writing
of said John S. ~~was~~ generally known to his
acquaintances, & that they ~~deed~~ ^{are} ~~the~~ paper writing &
every part thereof is in the paper hand-writing of
the said John S. it is concluded by the Court
that the same is the last Will & Testament of
said John S. sufficient in law to pass his real
& personal estate; it is ordered that it be
recorded.

Now in open Court Richard W. Pearson the
Exceutor therein named, is qualified according
to law & is permitted to act accordingly

J. M. Latham (CA)

John S. Pearson

last Will & Testament

of John Stokes Pearson

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