

State of North Carolina
Cumberland County

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In the name of God. Amen.

I now all men by the present, that I, Margaret Pearce,
being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and
memory, knowing that it is appointed for all flesh once to
die, do make, declare, publish and ordain this, to be my
last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and totally
annulling all and every Will heretofore made by me.

First, I commend my soul to Him, who made it and
give my body to be decently committed to the dust from
which it originated. Secondly.. I give, grant and bequeath
to my nephew Colphie A. Davis and my friend Mr.
John Mullins all and every part of my real and per-
sonal Estate of every description, that I may die possessed
of. A lot of Ground and lot containing half an acre where
I now reside. Store house and small house, barn &c with
half acre lot adjoining the above, both fronting on Second
street. Ground and lot containing one acre, joining the two
last and fronting on Russell Street. Three small houses and
one lot on West Spring Street. Store house and lot on Bay
Street. One vacant lot of 1/8 of an acre &c in Campbelltown.
One vacant lot on Russell Street. Twenty one and one half
acres of land on both sides of Wilmington road bought
of C. B. Purdie. Two hundred and fifty three acres on
49 Sandy run. Etc. etc. etc. Done at New- York. Charles, May

Alfred, Caroline, Lizzie, Grace and her two children, vizt
 Caroline and Katharine, one bay mare, stable, hay, household
 and kitchen furniture. All trust, for the equal and
 joint advantage and benefit of my husband Samuel Pearce
 and my son John P. Leonard for and during their natural
 lives and upon the death of either Samuel Pearce or John
 P. Leonard the survivor shall receive all the rents, profits and
 increase of the property hereby bequeathed. And upon the death
 of Samuel Pearce and John P. Leonard, if said John
 P. Leonard shall have any child or children or any
 grand child or grand children, then and my Estate hereby
 bequeathed shall to the property of such child or children
 grand child or grand children - but if John P. Leonard
 shall die without leaving any such child or children,
 grand child or grand children, then I give, grant and
 bequeath my property as follows. - To Thomas Davis.
 One Dollar in money. - to C. A. Davis. One Dollar in
 money. - to Mary A. Dorch. One Dollar in money. - to
 Ann A. Martin. One Dollar in money. - to each of the
 children of Frederick Davis One dollar in money - to
 Margaret Stephenson Ballard, daughter of my niece
 Emily B. Ballard, I give and bequeath my house and
 lot of half an acre where I now reside and my store
 house and lot on Gay Street, subject to an annual
 allowance of Fifty Dollars to my nephew A. A. Davis
 for his board and education and bequeath

to my nephew Asaph A. Davis, my share here
barn & containing half an acre on Fergus Street -
lot containing one acre on Russell Street - My lot and house
on West Spring Street and five negroes - Will Leiper, Charles,
Mary, Caroline and Alfred. And my three negroes, Grace
Emeline and Catherine, I give and bequeath to E. P. Leonard
wife of John P. Leonard. The residue of my real Estate,
I give and bequeath to Joseph D. Pearce, brother of my
husband Samuel Pearce. - It is my full intent, purpose
and will that my property shall and be kept in the pos-
session and hands of Asaph A. Davis and John Mullin
in trust as aforesaid and to be by them, hired, rented
or otherwise used to the best advantage, so that Samuel
Pearce and John P. Leonard shall only have the income
profit and rent for and during their natural life time
and then to be disposed of as herein before mentioned.
And no part shall any of my property herein devised
and bequeathed, be subject to or in any manner liable
for the debt or debts of either Samuel Pearce or John
P. Leonard. - And in case of the death of either Asaph
A. Davis or John Mullin the survivor is to exercise all
the power, right and authority herein conveyed. - And after
the death of such survivor the Judge of the Superior Court
of Law and Equity for Cumberland County at the first term
after the death of such survivor, is authorized, empowered
and desired to name two honest, discreet and good men

with all the power herein conveyed to
 David and John Mullins. I enjoin it on
 my Executors hereinafter named to erect grave stones for
 myself and relations. Wist. James Leonard - my son Saml.
 Pearce, Mary Stevens and Catharine Leonard and the
 cost of such grave stones to pay out of the rents or profits
 of my Estate immediately after my decease. I do hereby
 nominate, constitute and appoint Stephen A. Davis and
 John Mullins aforesaid, Executors of this my last Will
 and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal, this ~~seventh~~ day of September
 in the year of our Lord, the thousand, eight hundred
 and twenty nine.

M. Pearce

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Legal sealed & delivered

in presence of

Duncan Mackay

George W. McDonald +

Robert H. Robinson +

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