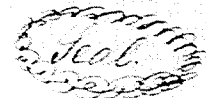


management of my son. Jeremiah I request him the said Clark to attend particularly
to my Sons Education for which purpose I do hereby empower & authorize him the said
Clark to draw out of my Estate annually Such Sum. or amount as he may deem
proper not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars Per annum and my Executor or other
acting Person on my Estate is hereby empowered & authorized to Pay the Same
I do hereby nominate & appoint my friend Thomas Barrow Sole Executor to this
my Last Will & Testament. Witness my hand & Seal This 22^d day of February
A.D. 1812. Eight Hundred & Twelve.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in presence of

J. H. Hines



R. Tinsell. William Wiggins.

Notary Public.

May Session 1812. Then this Will was exhibited in open Court & duly proved by the oath of
William Wiggins one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto & on motion ordered to be Recorded
Witness of S. Irwin Clk.

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Pearce of Halifax County
State of North Carolina being weak in body but (as perfect Sound mind & memory and
calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that) it is appointed for all men one
to die do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following
Viz. First I lend unto my beloved Wife Francis all the Lands on the South Side of the
Road wherein I now live. I also lend her one Ball. horse. One bed & furniture. The
Loan is during her natural Life. Secondly I give unto my Son Benjamin Pearce all the
Lands wherein I now live reserving unto his mother the Part lent her during her
natural Life, also one Hundred & Ten Acres of Land known by the Name of Carrs
mans Place reserving as much of the cleared Land as his mother may want for
her own Support for the Term of her natural Life, The gift is to him & his heirs
Son

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Ever with the Executions heretofore Promised. 3rd I give unto my Son Joseph John Pearce The
 tract of Land called Gaslins being the balance of that tract after taking of Lane mans
 tract adjoining Morgans Lands. The gift is to him & his heirs for Ever. I give unto my be-
 loved wife Fifty Dollars to be Paid her by my Executors out of any money that may come
 to their hands. I also lend her Negroes Jacob & Phebe during her natural Life. I give
 unto my daughter Frances one bed & furniture the Cotton filley Negroes, Abed Augustin, and
 Anne to her & her heirs for ever. I give unto my Son Benjamin Negroes Archibald, Mary &
 Jack also one Rean horse, & one Seaguel filley & one bed & furniture to him & his heirs for ever.
 I give unto my Son Joseph John Pearce Five Shillings, also my daughter Sabina money
 Five Shillings, also my daughter Mary Pearce Ten Pounds, also my Grand daughter
 Martha Pearce daughter of my daughter Siza Pearce do^r five Shillings. I give
 to my daughters Betsy & Harriot two thirds of all my Stock of every kind whatever to be
 equally divided between them Share & Share alike. The Gift is to them & their heirs for
 Ever. Also I give unto my two Several daughters Betsy & Harriot two thirds of all
 my household kitchen furniture not heretofore mentioned. & it also remembered
 that I reserve two yoke of oxen for the benefit of my wife & my Son Benjamin out of
 my Stock. And be it further understood, that none of the Stock mentioned in any
 former clause is to be considered as a part of the Stock mentioned in this clause. I give
 also to my Son Benjamin Pearce the one third of all my Stock of every description and
 household & kitchen furniture reserving the Stock heretofore mentioned. My Will further
 is that my Plantation utensils be equally divided between my wife Frances and my Son
 Benjamin, Share & Share alike. After the death of my wife my Will is that the Part
 of Plantation utensils allotted my wife be equally divided after her death between my
 daughters Betsy & Harriot & that Part allotted my Son Benjamin be his for Ever & he
 & he yoke of oxen reserved for the use of my Son Benjamin & his wife. after the death
 of my wife be divided as follows. viz Benjamin to have one half & the other half to be e-
 qually divided between my daughters Betsy & Harriot to them & their heirs for Ever. I

Benjamin Pearce

My will be divided as follows. Viz Benjamin to have one half & the other half to be equally divided between my daughters Betsy & Harriet. to them & their heirs for ever. I give unto my daughter Betsy one negro Boy Trip. I also give unto my daughter Harriet one negro Girl Lovette to them & their heirs for ever. My will further is that the remainder of my negroes not heretofore named be equally divided between my two daughters Betsy and Harriet when they arrive to Lawful age or marry. and in case either of them die before the time allotted for them to receive their property that the Survivor retain one half and the other half be equally divided between all my legal representatives except my daughter Subertia Motley who is no instance to receive any part of the property. That I may have given any of my children previous to their coming to Lawful age or marry the gift is to them & their heirs for ever and (after) the death of my wife the negroes & other property left her I give to be equally divided between my daughters Betsy & Harriet except the Lands to them & their heirs for ever. I nominate and appoint my Son Benjamin Pearce & my friend Matthew C. Whitaker whose sole executors of this my Last will & Testament. revoking & disannulling all former wills by me made. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal. This the first day of March 1810.

Benj. Pearce

Seal

Witness. Dr. West. Dr. St. Smith.

Calaveras County.

In my Session 1812. Then this Will was exhibited in open Court & duly proved by the Oath of Prandall West one of the Subscribing Witnesses Herein and on motion ordered to be recorded Whereupon Benjamin Pearce one of the Executors therein named came into open Court & was duly Qualifd Herein.

Witness H. S. Drwin Cl

In the name of God Amen. I Samuel P. P. of the