

In the Name of God Amen, I Joseph Pierce of Halifax
County in the Province of North Carolina being Very sick &
Weak of body but of Perfect Sound Mind and memory; thanks
be to almighty God for the same and knowing that it is
appointed for all men once to die: do make and ordain this to be my
Last Will and Testament, in Manner & form following;
First and principally I Recommend my Soul into the hands
of almighty God and my body to the Earth to be decently buried
at the discretion of my Executors hereafter appointed. —
I will that all my Just Debts; and funeral Charge
be first Paid and Satisfied; I Give and bequeath to my
Son William Pierce his heirs and assigns for ever a Tract of Land
and Plantation Containing two hundred and five Acres more or
Less being the Land I Purchast of Henry Gamier and William
Lumley; and also one third Part of the four hundred and eighty
Acres of Land known by the name of the Piney Woods Survey;
I Give and bequeath to my Son Benjamin Pierce his
heirs and assigns for ever two hundred Acres of Land more or
Less lying on the South side of the Road joining the Plantation
whereon I now live, being the Land I purchast of Wm. Saylor
as will appear; also one third Part of the four hundred & eighty
Acres of Land known by the name of the Piney Woods Survey
I Give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Pierce his
heirs and assigns for ever all the Land and Plantation on the
North side of the Road whereon I now live: also one third Part
of four hundred and eighty Acres of Land more by the name of
Piney Woods Survey. I Give and bequeath to my Daughter
Siller Pierce twenty Pounds Proclamation Money. I Give that
all my Estate that is Remaining me bequeathed: be sold and
the Money arising thereby to be Equally divided amongst my
three Sons. I Give and will that my son William Pierce be at large
to act for him self at my decease and to take in his Possession all
the Legacies bequeathed to him bequeathed: I Give and will that my son

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Turner; and also one third Part of the four hundred and eighty
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to act for him self & my Executors and to take in his Possession all
the Legacies being to him bequeathd: Item I Will that Lady Pope
of Virginia be Guardian to my daughter Siller Pierce and
that John Burdett be Guardian to my two Sons Benjamin
and Joseph Pierce untill they come to Sufferage; I do
heavily recommend and appoint John Burdett Will and
one Executor to this my Last Will and Testament Revoking
and Disannulling all former Wills by me or any one here before
made in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixd my seal this 8 day of July Anno Dom 1763 Joseph Pierce (Seal)
Signed Sealed & Delivered to be the Last Will and Testament of the

Lectator in the Presence of Jesse Haynie Halvors ^{by} Haynie
Patience ^{the} ~~and~~ Bradford ^{from}
Halifax ^{month} of October Court 1763

This Will was Exhibited in open Court on oath by the Executors
and duly proved by the oath of Jesse Haynie who on his
oath did say he saw Cation Haynie and Patience Bradford
sign the said will as Witnesses. Whereupon John Bradford ^{sign}
Executor in the said Will named came into Court and
was duly qualified by taking the oath by Law directed,
and in Motion Orderd to be Registered.

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