

Will of Arthur Pearce

In the name of God Amen I Arthur Pearce of Johnston County being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory thanks be to God calling to mind the mortality of my body do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following first I will that all my debts be paid.

- Item I lend to my beloved wife Mary Pearce three hundred, ac of land including my plantation and one coffee still and one negro man Noble, one negro man Pomes, three negro women Peg, Fan and Dof, and one negro girl Lethe during her natural life and after her death Noble, Pomes, Peg to belong to my beloved son Jesse Pearce forever and after the death of my beloved wife Mary Pearce a negro woman Dof and negro girl Lethe to belong to my beloved son Theophilous Pearce forever and three hundred, acres of land, and my still which I lend to my beloved wife Mary Pearce her life time after her death I give to my beloved son Theophilous Pearce forever.
- Item I give to my beloved wife Mary Pearce all my household, furniture and my axes and plows hoes and weeding hoes and all of every kind of my stocks horses cattle hogs sheep & geese and the remaining part of my estate that is not herein mentioned, in this will to her forever.
- Item I give unto my beloved son Theophilous Pearce two hundred acres of land, in Johnston County held by a Grant No 84 and three hundred, acres of land, held by a grant No 11
- Item I lend to my beloved wife Mary Pearce one caber cut saw to her natural life and then to my beloved son Jesse Pearce forever.
- Item I give unto my beloved daughter Winiford Fulghum ten shillings special only.
- Item I give unto my beloved daughter Moanen Watkins ten shillings special only and I do hereby appoint & constitute my beloved wife and son Jesse Pearce and Emmit Pearce executors of this my last will and testament ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and testament in witness

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed, my seal this 2nd of October 1772 signed, sealed and published, in presence of us

Arthur Pearce (seal)

John Gairald
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Ann ^{Widow} Watson