

Will of Charkey Pearce*

I Charkey Pearce of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following

- First- That my executor hereinafter named to pay all my just debts hereafter provided for in this
- Item I give and bequeath to my son William H. Pearce five dollars in money of the sale of my property at my death.
- Item I give and bequeath to my son Ephraim J. Pearce twenty dollars in cash to be paid to her guardian by my executors
- Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Pearce one bed, stand and necessary furniture
- Item I give and devise to my youngest daughter Ellen Lucier Lynn Pearce one negro slave named Frank and one feather bed, stand and its necessary furniture to her and her personal representatives forever.
- Item My will is that all the balance of my property that is not above given away to be sold at public sale by my executors and pay all my just debts and the written legacies of twenty five dollars to my two sons William and Ephraim and all the balance of my property or the money arising from sale of it I give to my daughter Nancy Pearce.
- Item My will is that if either one of my two daughters Nancy or Ellen dies before they have a child or children begotten by their husbands that the surviving one have all the deceased one property to her & personal representatives forever.
- Item My will is that my executor and guardian for my daughter Ellen shall have full power to hire out slave Frank at private hiring and they are hereby empowered to do the same.
- Item My will is that my two daughters have all my wearing apparel.
- Item My will is my youngest daughter is a minor born the 12th of January 1861 and will not be of full age of twenty one till the 12th of January 1872 now therefore my will is that my mother in law Sally Pearce is hereby constituted and appointed guardian to hold the custody of her respective person and educate her as far as her means will afford and it is further my will that my mother

in law Sally have all power to choose guardian for my daughter Ellen who shall give bond and security in court for her estate.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Elijah Atkinson my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made

In witness whereof I the said Charkey Pearce do hereunto set my hand and seal this day of — A.D. 1851

Charkey X Pearce (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Charkey Pearce to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

James Folk.
Henry Rains.