

of my just debts I do also set aside two certain tracts of land on the south side of Little River to the use of my children at the discretion of their mother my wife the said lands is known by the names as follows one hundred acres which I purchased of Ambrose B. Raines brother, Phillip Raiford the other contains 84 acres which I did buy of John Evans and his wife adjoining the lands of Cogdell Massey and Sam Game also at the death of my father I have one negro man now in his possession named Ben the said negro I wish the same to be taken into the possession of my administration to be disposed of at the discretion of my wife to the lawful heirs. Also I desire that my administration would as soon as practicable pay off my largest debts which I owe first if my creditors will take such notes as I have and collect my book accounts to be disposed of in paying of my just debt the largest debt against me first pay till all is paid I also desire that the above will which I have made in perfect mind and in sound memory should be received by the County court of Johnston County and the same be established and fulfilled according to the true intent and meaning of them present In witness whereof and in testimony of the same I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on day and in the year first above written.

Signed sealed in the presence of  
Isaac Bothe  
McKinney Oliver

Simon Pearce Seal

Know all men by these presents that I Simon Pearce who have made the above will on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty six do hereby appoint my beloved wife Polly Pearce principal administrator to said will and my trusty friend John Raines Jr I do hereby appoint him and assistant administrator in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 9<sup>th</sup> of August in years 1826 signed sealed in  
the presence of  
Isaac Bothe  
McKinney Oliver

Simon Pearce Seal

State of North Carolina August Term 1826  
Johnston County Then was the  
execution of this will duly proven in open court by the  
oaths of Isaac Bothe and McKinney Oliver and ordered to be  
recorded R. Sanders Clerk

### Will of Ephraim Pearce

State of North Carolina in the name of God Amen, I Ephraim Pearce of Johnston County being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God amen do this the first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five do make and publish this to be my last will and testament in the manner following that is to say

Item I give and bequeath to my grandson George Pool and Rhody Pool four hundred acres of land more or less lying on the south side of the great branch and from the head of the great branch down to my line where it crosses the greate branch which land is to be equally devide between my two grand children George and Rhody Pool and one hundred dollars also to be equally devide between them two at my death and if either of my grand children George & Rhody Pool die before they or other of them arrive to the age of twenty one years of age and without leaving issue at the time of their death the land and money hereby will go to the survivors of them and should both of them die before they attain the age of twenty one years and without leaving issue then to my heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Edith Pearce two hundred acres of land including my house and orchard where I now live and my still during her life a widowhood and after her death to my daughter Chacy Pearce forever and all the balance of my lands negroes and stock of all kinds plantation tools and kitchen furniture and what money in hand at my death to be equally devide between my wife Edith Pearce and my two daughters Mealy Pearce and Chacy and my grand daughter Clarkey Pearce and after the death of my wife Edith Pearce the property given to her all except the two hundred acres of land including my house and orchard and still given to my daughter Chacy Pearce after the death of my wife then the balance to be equally devide between my two daughters Mealy Pearce and Chacy Pearce and my grand daughter Clarkey Pearce should die without issue and if she should die without issue then the property willed to her to return to my heirs Edith Pearce my wife and my two daughters Mealy Pearce and Chacy Pearce forever

Last

I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved daughter Chacy Pearce and cedar Whitley my executors and I do hereby disannull all and all manner of wills or forms of wills whatsoever and do acknowledge this only to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Oct 1825  
in the presence of { Ephriam E. Pearce Esq  
Jesse Whitley Oliver Raines

State of North Carolina August Term 1826  
Johnston County Then was the execute  
of this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of  
Jesse Whitley & Oliver Raines and ordered to be recorded  
R. Sanders clk

Will of Noel Rentfrow

In the name of God Amen, I Noel Rentfrow of Johnston County being of sound mind and memory blessed be God do this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1831 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say,

First Item  
I bequeath to my dearly beloved mother one negro woman & her daughter Beady & also I bequeath to my dearly beloved mother all my stock of horses cattle hogs & sheep household & kitchen furniture to wit one bed & furniture & one chest during her life or widow hood and at my mothers death for all the above named property to be sold.

Second Item  
I give and bequeath unto my three loved sisters Penny Barnes Chaney Godwin & Zippah Bentzow fifteen dollars a piece to be theirs and their heirs forever than the rest part of my real estate to be equally divided between my two brothers named to wit Joseph Bentzow & Wiley Bentzow to be theirs & their heirs forever. And I do hereby make & ordain my worthy brothers Josiah Bentzow & Wiley Bentzow executors of this my last will & testament in witness whereof I the said Noel Bentzow have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written signed sealed published and declared by the said Noel Bentzow the testator as this last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of sealing hereof

Noel Bentzow Esq  
Raiford Williamson  
Willis Bentzow

Will of Shadrach Ingram

In the name of God Amen, I Shadrach Ingram of the Co of Johnston and State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but of sound and disposing mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of mankind and knowing that it is once appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in form and manner following that is to say principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my surviving friends and as touching my worldly estate with which it hath been pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of it in the following manner after my just debts are fully satisfied and paid

I give and bequeath unto my wife Anne Ingram one negro girl Sami one mare and three cows and calves one bed and furniture fifty dollars in money for the purpose of getting nourishment and support to her and her heirs forever further I lend to her plantation wherein I now live and the land, and household and furniture and farming utensils sufficient for her use at the discretion of my executors during her lifetime Interlined before assigning the wood(kitchen)

I give to my daughter Sarah Smith one cow further I lend to her one hundred acres of land on White Oak swamp laid off for that purpose heretofore and two negro women Sarah and Ann during her lifetime and then the said land and negroes and their increase to be equally divided between her heirs & children forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Winifred Woodall one cow further I lend her one hundred acres of land on White Oak swamp laid off heretofore for that purpose and two negroes Peggy and Chazy during her lifetime and then said land and negroes to be divided equally between her children and the heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Cordilla Johnson one cow & further lend to her one negro woman called Nicy during her lifetime and then said negro woman and increase to be divided among her sisters and their heirs by her

I give and bequeath unto my son Barnaby Ingram four negroes Pete Daniel, Alroy and Jacob and will that he take a negro woman called Phoebe which is infirm and take good care of her until his death

Will of Peter Cushing Johnson Esq of this date 1830  
This will is witnessed and acknowledged  
R. Sanders clk