

Will of Simon Pearce

In the name of God Amen, ^{Simon} Pearce being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for his mercy and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do make and publish this to be my last will and testament

In the first place I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Pearce one negro girl by name of Hester and my big sorrel horse and one riding chair and harness and four cows and calves and twenty head of hogs and five sows and pigs and five ewes and lambs and one yoke of oxen and cart and wheels and all my geese and fowls of every kind and three feather beds and furniture one hunting saddle and saddle horn and sleys and gear and all my kitchen furniture and board and furniture therein and one walnut table and one painted table and six sitting chairs and two flat irons and all my axes weeding hoes and grubbing hoes and flaws and gear

I also lend to said beloved wife Sarah Pearce one negro man by name of Cain and negro woman by name of old Choe and one do by name of Beck also the plantation whereon I now live beginning at the mouth of a small branch between the Mill branch and middle branch and runs up the small branch to the head then a direct course to a Red oak on big path known by the big red oak thence west to the head of Mill branch so to my own and Ephraim Pearce line thence with the same to Sassafras Swamp then up said swamp the beginning during her natural life.

Also one negro woman by name of Solah until my son Simon A. Pearce comes of age of 21 years then I give the above named Solah and increase from this to said Simon with the use of my young orchard and use of one half of my cider cask and stands by his keeping them in repair also I give to son Simon A. Pearce one negro boy name Aquie to him and his heirs forever, and also the use of my still to still his own liquors, I also lend the still and the whole of cider casks to my said beloved wife agreeable to the above writing also I lend to my said wife one clock and desk during her natural life.

After the death of my wife I give and bequeath to my son Simon A. Pearce all the above lent property with lands and improvements also all my lands on the north side of

Sassafras Swamp and Spring branch up to the thicket branch except the Wiley place also one small shot gun and case and bottles and horse by name of Bodlick and my turning tools and one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Also I give to my son Lovell Pearce two hundred and sixty acres of land more or less beginning at a water oak on the bank of Litter River and runs east to and agreed, nine or corner Red oak then up the upper branch to the head and thence and east course to a lightwood stake thence to a post oak in a pond and thence the lines round to the beginning also the Wiley land fifty acres more or less to him and his heirs forever.

Also I give to my daughter Elizabeth Helling's one negro girl by the name Kelziah to her and her heirs forever.

Also I give to my son Richard Pearce all my land on the south side of Sassafras Spring down to the mouth thicket branch then up the same to the head then to the above named Red oak thence east to my own line the head of the water Spring thence north side of the Sassafras swamp above thicket branch and four negroes named Violet, Failer, Rubin and Litha and increase of Violet from this day and one feather bed and furniture and one large shot gun and one set of blacksmith tools one case and bottles and more by name of Pleasure and all the stock of cattle that came from Mr. Ballance and sheep coming from Ascher Talton to him and his heirs forever.

Also I give to my daughter Venia Pearce one negro girl name of Videl and increase from this day one feather bed and furniture and green sheet to her and her heirs forever and also one filly by name Pickture.

Also I give to my daughter Charlotia Pearce one negro girl by name of Choe and increase from this day one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Also I give to my daughter Anna Pearce one negro girl by name of Finner and increase from this day and twenty dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Also I give to my daughter Rachel Pearce one negro girl

by name of Abre and increase from this day and twenty dollars to her and heirs forever.

Also I give to my daughter Patience Pearce one negro girl by name of Jane and increase from this day and twenty dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Also I give to my daughter Sarah Pearce one negro girl by name of Delila and in increase from this day and twenty dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Also I give to my son Fredell Pearce two negro boys by name of Fountain and Ellis and also all my lands lying on the west side of Spring branch which is not above mentioned and also I give to my son Fredell all of my land on the east side of Sasserise Swamp which is not above mentioned to him and his heirs forever.

Also I give to my daughter Zilphia Pearce one negro girl by name of Della also one negro boy by name of Daniel and Della increase from this day and twenty dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Also I give to my daughter Bethany Pearce one negro girl by name of Mary and also one boy by name of Dick and Mary increase from this day and twenty dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Also I give to grand son Roodin Joiner one hundred dollars to him and his heirs forever.

The ballance of my estate I leave to be sold and a sufficiency of the money to be put to the use of schooling my five youngest children Patience, Sally, Fredell, Zilphia and Bethany Pearce then paying my just debts I give to be equally divided amongst my eight youngest daughters Veronica, Charlotte, Anna Rachel, Patience Sally, Zilphia and Bethany Pearce.

I constitute and appoint my son Richard Pearce and Simon A Pearce to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal

this day and year first above written. Signed and acknowledged in the presence of
 J. Salton
 Windsor ^{mark} to Watkins

State of North Carolina
 Johnston County

November Term 1827. Then was the execution of this will duly proven in court by the oaths of Jonathan Salton and Windsor Watkins and ordered to be recorded.
 R. Sanders C.J.C.