

Will of Jacob Daughtry

In the name of God Amen I Jacob Daughtry being in perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following (viz)
 First I lend to my wife Phoebe Daughtry the plantation where I now live during her natural life and at her death I give the tract of land whereon I now live being the land I bore of Richard Warren deceased being one hundred and fifty acres more or less to my two sons Jacob & Arthur Daughtry to be equally divided between them to them & their heirs forever.

The ballance of my lands should there be enough of my perishable property to pay my debts I give to my other children to be equally divided between them all. My will is as soon after my death as practicable that all my perishable property (horses excepted) to be sold and apply to the payments of my debts and when the crop is finished the horses to be sold. All corn, fodder and bacon which I have is to be left for the support of my family and to make a crop when the crop is finished I give the whole of it to my three sons Thomas Jacob and Arthur Daughtry.

After selling all my perishable property there then should any debt remain unpaid it is then my will that part (as much) of my lands which lie on the west side of Bandy swamp should be sold and the ballance divided between my children as above. I give to my daughter Betsey one feather bed and furniture and one trunk.

I hereby appoint my friend Daniel Boon executor of this my last will and testament. in witness hereof I have signed sealed in the presence of. This 24th day of March 1826
 Joshua Creech for
 Joel Creech
 Jacob Daughtry (seal)
 Mark

State of North Carolina } May term 1826
 Johnston County } Then was the execution of
 this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of
 Joshua Creech Jr & Joel Creech and ordered to be recorded
 R. Sanders Clerk

Will of Simon Pearce

State of North Carolina Johnston County 9th day of August 1826
 Know all men by these present I Simon Pearce of Johnston Co. and State aforesaid, do in the name of God Amen make this my last will and testament:

I give and bequeath unto my wife Polly Pearce twenty one head of ^{two} year old hogs and fifty barrels of corn. I also give to my wife Polly Pearce five cows and their calves. I also give my wife half of all my fodder and all the shucks for the support of her cattle also I give to my wife one mare and her colt. I also give to my said wife one set of blacksmiths tools and all the implements and utensils in the shop. also I give my wife five hundred weight of cotton, likewise I give to my wife Polly three choice sows and pigs and eight year old shoats also I give to my wife one cart. I also give to my beloved wife four feather beds, and furniture also I give to my wife all the household and kitchen furniture also I give to my wife all the plows and gear and all the grub hoes and weeding hoes also four guns which I wish her to give my four boys each of them one also I give to my beloved wife Polly Pearce one negro woman named Venus likewise one negro girl named Jude trusting that she will not forget the dear children which I have had by her & in all cases as a mother I pray she may remember my children to God and to my dear wife I do commit all the above may the blessings of God attend them.

Also it is my wish for my wife to take as much of the cleared land as it will be sufficient for her force which I have left to her and use the same as she thinks proper and the rest of the cleared I desire to have it rented to the highest bidder and the profits of the same to be set aside for the payments of my just debts or for and equal distribution amongst each of my children also I wish my executor to hire to the highest bidder one negro woman named Seal and one negro boy named Nelson each of them for one year only and the money for the hire of them set aside for the payments of my just debts and after the said negroes time is up to be returned to my wife for her to dispose of them to the benefit of my children as she may think proper. I also desire for my executor to sell to the highest bidder all the residue of my personal ^{estate} on a credit of six months and the money to be set aside for the payments

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. Wainwright, Philip Wainford the other contains 34 acres which I did buy of John Evans and his wife adjoining the lands of Cordell 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 administratrix to be disposed of at the discretion of my wife to the lawful heirs.

Also I desire that my administratrix 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 debts 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 Boothe
McKinzie Oliver

Know all men by these presents that I Simon Pearce who have made the above will on the 9th day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty six do hereby appoint my beloved wife Polly Pearce principal administratrix to said will and my trusty friend John Wainwright to I do hereby appoint him and assistant administrator in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 9th of August in year 1826 Signed sealed in the presence of
Isaac Boothe
McKinzie 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 Boothe and McKinzie 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

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 great branch which land is to be equally divided between my two grand children George and Rhody Pool and one hundred dollars also to be equally divided between them two at my death and if either of my grand children George & Rhody Pool die before they or either of them arrive to the age of twenty one years of age and without having issue at the time of their death the land and money thereby 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.

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 or widowhood and after her death to my daughter Chacey 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 divided between my wife Edith Pearce and my two daughters Nealy Pearce and Chacey and my grand daughter Charkey 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 Chacey Pearce after the death of my wife then the balance to be equally divided between my two daughters Nealy Pearce and Chacey Pearce and my grand daughter Charkey 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 Nealy Pearce and Chacey Pearce forever.