

In the Name of God Amen the tenth day of February
 Thousand seven hundred and fifty eight I John Pearce of the Parish of St. John
 Berkle County of the Province aforesaid being Sick in body but of Good and
 Perfect mind, mind and Memory thanks be to almighty God therefore and
 calling to Remembrance the Uncertain State of this transitory Life and
 that all flesh must yield unto unto Death when it shall please God to call
 to make constitute ordain and Declare this my Last Will & Testament in man-
 and form following Revoking and Annulling by these presents all and every Testa-
 ment and Testaments will and Wills heretofore by me made and Declared like
 by word or writing and this to be taken only and Irrevocably and none other if-
 any should should be made hereafter for my Last Will & Testament I Give and
 commit my Soul unto almighty God my Creator Saviour and Redeemer and my
 body to be Buried in such Place and Manner as it shall please my Executrix
 & Executors hereafter named to order and Appoint And as for the Settling and
 disposing of Temporal Estate and such Goods Chattels and Depts as it has
 Pleased God to bestow on me I doe order give bequeath and Dispose of the same
 in manner and form following That, That is to say First I will and My Will is
 that all the Depts and Duties which I owe in Justice Right and Conscience
 to any manner of Person or Persons Whatsoever shall be well and truly con-
 tented & paid or order to be paid within convenient time after my Decease
 by my Executrix and Executors hereafter named Them I Give Leave and
 bequeath to my Loving wife one third Part of all my Estate Excepting my
 Land to be for my Loving Elizabeth for her & her heirs for ever Them I Give
 Leave and bequeath unto my Brother Peter Pearce all my Moving Cloaths
 or apparel saddle and Pistols to be for his own Proper use for ever Them I Give
 Leave and bequeath unto my Brother Peter Pearce as much money as will
 Purchase one Negro fellow out of the Remainder Part of my Estate after my Wife
 part is taken of Which Negro shall be Purchast by my Executrix & Executors
 hereafter named as they shall see Proper within convenient time Them I Give
 Leave and bequeath unto my son John all my Remainder part of my Estate
 after my Loving wife One third part & the money for my Brother Peter
 Pearce taken out both Real Personal shall be for my son John for him
 and his heirs for ever; but if my son John should die before he should com-
 to the years of twenty one then his Part of my Estate shall goe to my Bros
 Peter Pearce his Children share and share alike for them and their heirs
 for ever And I doe hereby Order constitute and Appoint my Loving wife
 Executrix Elizabeth by name and my two Worthy worthy Friends Peter
 Boutwiler & Isaac Porcher to be Executors of this my Last Will and
 Testament whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal Ratifying con-
 firming and Declaring this to be my Last will and Testament the day and Year
 above Written

Sealed signed Ratified Confirmed and
 Delivered in Presence of us Subscribers

Philip Williams Francis Lawson Alex Dingle

John Pearce (Seal)

Proved by Virtue of a dedimus the 2 day of June 1750
 at the same Time Qualified Isaac Porcher Secy