

all persons whom it may concern Know ye -----

That I Benjamin Pearson of Bush River in the District of 96  
and State of s<sup>d</sup> Carolina do this Tenth day of December, in  
the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty  
four, make and Publish this my Last will and Testament, in  
manner following, That is to say First I give & bequeath to  
my Wife Margaret Pearson, all my Personal Estate together  
with the Plantation whereon I now live containing four hun-  
dred Acres of Land for and during her Natural Life, or Widow  
hood for her own use and Maintenance, & Education of my Young-  
er Children, Also I give to my six sons Namely William, Abel,  
Samuel, Robert, Joseph J John and to their Heirs and assigns  
for ever Three Hundred Acres being part of the Tract whereon  
I now live Containing 400 Acres of Land after the expiration  
of my said Wifes widowhood or Death, Also one other Tract sit-  
uate on the Beaver-dams, adjoining Caleb Gilberts, Containing  
Two hundred Acres of Land, Likewise one other Tract, Containing  
One Hundred and fifty Acres of Land adjoining to where Jehu In-  
man now lives which said part Tract Containing 300 Acres, &  
Tract of 200 Acres and 150 Acres of Land, I desire may be equal-  
ly divided as to Value between my above said six sons at the  
discretion of my Executrix, & Executors after named And One hun-  
dred Acres, being part of my above said Plantation or Tract  
Containing 400 Acres of Land, to be taken off the side adjoining  
to Lands late Henry Coate's I give and bequeath to my son Enock  
Pearson, and to his Heirs & Assigns forever -----  
I also bequeath to my said Seven Sons all my Parsonal Estate,  
that may be, at the expiration of my said Wifes widowhood or  
death as aforesaid, to be equally Divided among them. And if  
any of my said sons should decease before his or their arrival  
at due Age in Law his or their proportional part or parts as  
above divided shall revert and be equally divided between the  
Survivors of my said sons and to their Heirs & assigns for Ever-  
and Whereas I sold a Plantation or Tract of Land containing 200

Acres Situated in Bush River Settlement, bounded on lands  
late Hugh Creightons, Henry Coate, & John Brooks, to my Bro-  
ther William Pearson deceas'd for which I Received a certain  
sum of Money which if my said sons, or any of them do pay or  
cause to be paid to the Administrators or Afsigns of my said  
Brother the sum He or they so paying the same, I do hereby Will  
and bequeath the said Plantation or Tract containing 200 Acres  
of Land & to his Heirs or Afsigns for Ever -- And I give & be-  
queath to my two Daughters Rosanna Rufsel and Marjory Buffing-  
ton their Heirs or Afsigns, the sum of Fourteen pounds each to  
be paid by my said Sons, their Heirs or Afsigns to my said Daugh-  
ters their Heirs or Afsigns and as soon after my decease as my  
Executrix & Executors conveniently Conveniently can, And I do  
hereby make and Ordain my said Wife my Executrix and my Cousin  
William Pearson & my son Enok Pearson Executors of this my last  
Will intrust for the intents & purposes above mentioned In Wit-  
ness whereof I the said Benjamin Pearson have to this my last  
Will and Testament set my Hand & seal the day & year above Writ-  
ten

Signed Sealed and Delivered by the said

Benjamin Pearson as and for his last

Benjamin Pearson (Seal)

Will & Testament in the Presence of us who  
were present at the Signing and sealing  
thereof -----

Zebulun Gaunt

John Wilkesen

Sam Kelly

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Test. W. Malone, Clk. Ct.

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