

in the State of South Carolina (Planter) being of Sound Mind and Memory, but weak in Body, Do make Constitute and appoint this my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all former Wills by me made and as touching all my Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me I give Divise and Bequeath in Manner and form following.-----

Imprimis I give and Bequeath to my loving Wife Darcas Pearson, One Negroe Winch Named Thebe and her two Children Named Doll and Moses, And Another Winch Named Moriah with her Three Children Named Prince Manser and Lucretia; A Feather Bed and furniture and five Cows of the Choice of my Stock to be delivered Immediately after my Decease, But if my said Wife Darcas, Shall Die without Lawfull Issue (Except that she has by me) It is my will the Negroes above Named Shall Return to my Estate For the use of my Son James Pearson or the Heirs hereafter Named. Item I give to my Trusty Negro fellow Jam of No Carolina, his freedom, and he is hereby declared free at my Decease-----

Item I give and Bequeath to my Son James Pearson all the Remainder and Residue of my Estate Real and Personal to be delivered to him at the age of Twenty One Years or day of Marriage And that his Raising and Education, Shall be in the Power and at the Discretion of my First Executor hereafter Named, and it is my Will, that ~~all~~ my Personal Estate Excepting all (or some) of my Negroes and Their Planting Necessaries, which is to be kept whole, if it can be done without diminishing my Estate, but if my Plantation Keeping should be found to the Disadvantage of my Estate ^{then} it shall and may be in the Power of my Executors hereafter Named, To Sell all My Negroes Except the Young ones

Item If my Son James Pearson should die before the Age of Twenty one Years or day of Marriage, Or without Lawfull Issue, It is my Will, That then all my Estate aforesaid Shall go to my Children (if alive) John Pearson Robert Pearson and

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and Mary Pearson of Talbott and Annapolis Countries in Maryland if they should Lawfully Demand it in Five Years after the ~~Death~~ of my Son James Pearson aforesaid .

Item I give to my Trusty fellow Jem whom I have left free in this will Twenty Acres of Land to be taken of the West Corner of the Tract whereon I now live, during his Natural Life Life.

Lastly I Do Constitute and Appoint William Martin Esq^t and John Cantey Esq^t both of Camden District Executors of This my Last Will and Testament, Disannulling all former ^{Wills} by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto Setting Mark and Affixed my Seal This Twenty Fourth day of February in the Year of our Lord

1783-----

his
William X Pearson
Mark

Signed Sealed Published

and delivered in presence of us-----

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his
William Elmers X Barrett
Mark

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