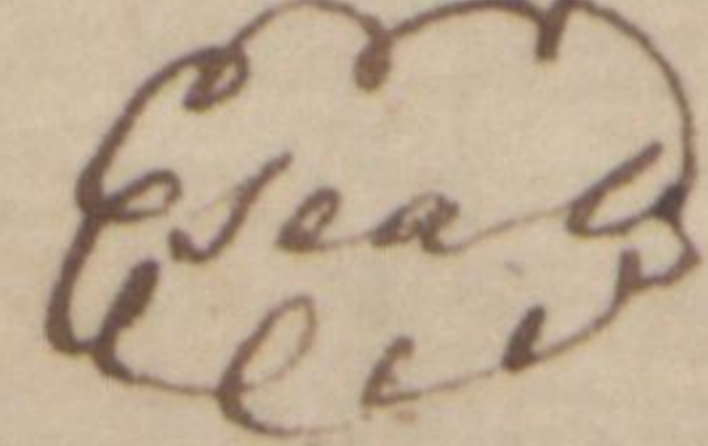


In the name of God Amen I William Pearce of Kent County
 in the State of Maryland being of sound and disposing mind and memory
 do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following Viz^t
 I give to my Daughter Mary Pearce a Negro Girl named Mirtilla I do
 hereby ~~and~~ authorize and empower my Executor hereafter named to
 sell convey and dispose of all my estate both real and personal and
 after all my just Debts and funeral charges are paid I give two thirds
 of the residue to my son James Pearce, and one other third to my
 Daughter Mary Pearce, and in case of the death of either of my said
 children, my son James before he arrives at the age of twenty one
 without Issue or my Daughter Mary before she arrives to the age of
 sixteen without Issue then I give the whole to the Survivor, But in case
 both my children should die as afo without Issue, then I give two thirds
 of my estate to my Sister Mary Capelle wife of Doctor Capelle, and
 one other third to my Sister Elizabeth Pearce. And I do hereby constitute
 and appoint my good friend Robert Buchanan my Executor hereby
 revoking all other Wills heretofore made In Witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty second day of November Anno
 Dom 1703

Wm Pearce 

Signed Sealed published and declared in the presence of the Witnesses to be
 his last Will & Testament and Witnessed at the request of the Testator by us
 John Shield, Martha Kemp, Martha ^{her} Grouch,
 November 24. 1704. ^{the} Then came Martha Kemp, ^{& December 16. Martha Grouch} ~~two~~ ^{part} of the Witnesses to the within
 last Will & Testament of William Pearce late of Kent County dead and made oath on the
 Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator herein named Signe Seal
 this Will, and that they heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his
 last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their ^{sions} apprehen-
 sion of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, and that they ~~did~~ ^{deponant} together
 with John Shield ~~and Martha Grouch~~ the other ~~two~~ ^{that} subscribing Witnesses ~~were~~
 present at the same time and signed ~~there~~ ^{his name} as witnesses to this Will in the
 presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

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