

Chapter 00085 **1787**

Henry Pearce, WILL

New Jersey

Generation #1.



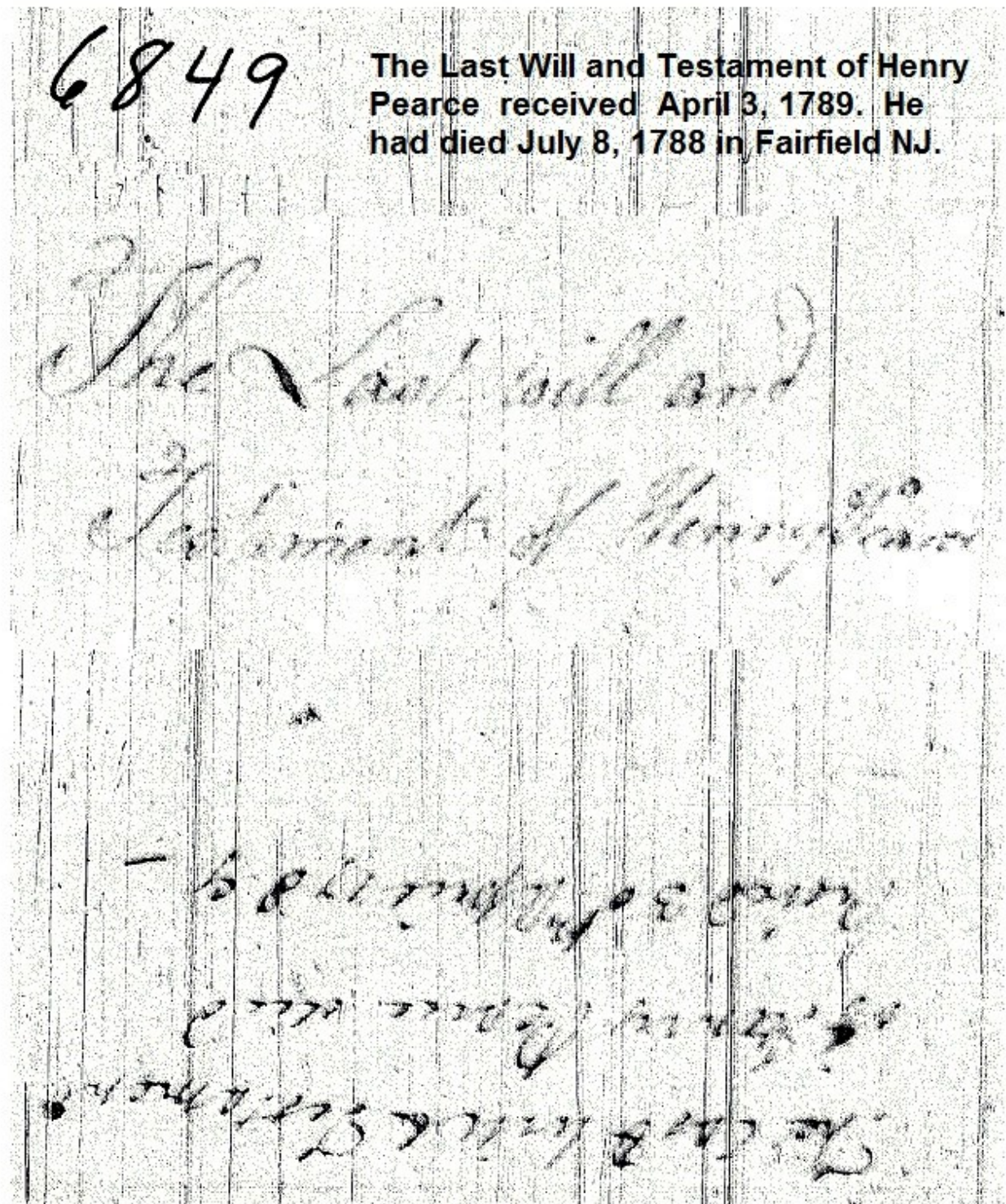
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1787, March 14. Pearce, Henry, of Horsneck, Essex Co., yeoman; will of. Daughter, Elizabeth, £10. Wife, Elizabeth, all real and personal estate, and, after her death, to my 4 sons, Henry, Edward, Andrew and George, my old homestead. Younger daughter, Charlott, £50. Executrix—wife, Elizabeth. Witnesses—Timothy Ward, Harman Masear, Encrease Gould. Proved April 30, 1789.

Lib. 38, p. 86.

Yeoman means farmer. Daughter Elizabeth (Betsey) age 29 was married 7 months earlier on 8/25/1786 to Job Crane, perceived as a rich man. Charlotte was age 11 in 1787. Henry died 18 months later on 7/8/1788 at Horseneck Road, Fairfield, NJ.

This original 1787 WILL is at the NJ State Library, 225 West State Street, 2nd floor—POB 307, Trenton NJ 08625 0307. Phone (609) 292-6261. Henry Pearce died 16 months later on 7/8/1788. This 1787 Will arrived in Trenton on 4/3/1789.



In the Name of God Amen. I herewith testify
 of Harrocks in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey
 Germany being weak in body but of perfect sound and
 memory do be to god for it calling to mind the merit
 of the body and knowing that it is appointed for a short
 time once to die do make order and constitute this my la
 will and testament in form following to wit
 I Recommend my soul into the hands of god that gave it
 and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian
 burial at the Discretion of my Executive hereafter named
 Volens Donding but at the Glorious Resurrection to receive the
 crown by the mighty power of God And as for my worldly
 Estate wherewith I have blessed God to bless me in this life

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at fifty pounds to be paid her by her Brothers before named
I think I will that my four sons Henry Edward Andrew & George

Be their legal Part of the Legacy to their sisters which is thirty
pounds But we lose either of my sons should have to the age of
twenty one years & well that his or their Part be equally divided

Between the surviving ones

I Do hereby Ennominate and Appoint my surviving wife Elizabeth

Executrix & Administratrix of this my last will and Testament in my
part for the good of all my children But if a Division should be

take place before her death I will that that Henry and Edward Do

execute the same in every Court at Doctors Commons Moots and Bench
all and every other will or Act by me made and made by them

Do either to be my last will and testament I In Witness hereof I
have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth Day of March

In the Year of our Lord 1877

Elizabeth

my father to be my son! well and to know. I, John Wilson, being of
 legal age, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the
 original of the same as it appears in the records of the County of Cook,
 State of Illinois.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of March, 1901.

John Wilson

County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois

Attest my hand and seal this 1st day of March, 1901.

John Wilson

County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois

John Wilson

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1896 researcher added clarity to the 3/17/1787 Henry Pearce Will.

Per Glen Pierce, generation 8 :

Found this notecard in 1982 at the Rutgers Univ Alexander Library, genealogy room.

A genealogist around 1896 wrote a summary of Henry Pearce's 3/14/1787 Will.

The signature is not Henry's. It is the person who did the notecard.

Henry died 16 months later on 7/6/1788 in Fairfield NJ.

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Pearce Henry 18 17 1787
No. 2. Wells, Dartmouth, 1846, 8.
Letter of Henry Pearce of Dartmouth, 1846, 8.
Dated Mar. 14, 1787. Dated Apr. 30, 1789. L. L. to Ex. 1846, 8.
To Mrs. Elizabeth 1846, 8.

— wife Elizabeth, all notes, real & personal, for life, set her
— with it is to be equally divided among my 4 sons
Henry, Edmund, Andrew & David.
My wife Elizabeth to be occupied by Henry & Edward.
To my younger son. Charlotte 1846, 8.

Some sons like 1846, 8.
Ex. 1846, 8. 1846, 8.
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Wife. 1846, 8. 1846, 8.

Henry, Pearce

A 1789 Clerk re-copied the Will.

Henry Prance's) In the Name of God Amen
Will of Henry Prance of Warrinck in the County
of Essex and State of New Jersey a woman, being weak
in Body, but of perfect mind and memory, prais'd
to God for its calling to mind the mortality of the
Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men
once to die, do make order and constitute this my
last Will and Testament in form following
With I recommend my soul into the hands of God
that gave it and my Body to the earth to be buried
in a decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my
Executors hereafter named, nothing doubting but at
the glorious resurrection to receive the same by the might

The generous remuneration for the
fruits of God. And as for my worldly Estate, where with
it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give You
quit and dispoise the same in manner and form
following, viz, that is to say I will that all my present
charges be justly paid. Where I give and require
to my daughter Ely unto the sum of ten thousand
Sterling I give and I bequeath to my loving wife Ely
with Peace all my Estate both real and personal and
her natural life, and after her death I will that all
my Estate be equally divided between my four
sons, Henry and Edward, Andrew and George, my
daughters, that is to say dwelling house and 1/3 and

By

be, prepared by Henry and Edward together with ourselves of my sons and moveables to their heirs and assigns forever the other half to be given to my other two sons Andrew and George to be possessed by them their heirs and assigns forever. I then I give and Bequeath to my young son George (hereafter named) the sum of fifty pounds to be paid her by her Brothers before named. Item I will that my four sons Henry Edward John and George be their equal part of the legacy to their sisters which is sixty pounds. But in case either of my sons should not live to the age of Twenty years I will that his or their part be equally divided between the surviving sons. I do here by Encomendate and appoint my loving wife Eley abate the Executors Executors of this my last Will and Testament to be every part for the good of all my children but if a division

every point for the good of all my children, but if a division
should not take place before her death I would that she
Harry and Edward do execute the same in every point
I do also deny, renounce and disavow all and every other
deeds and wills by me made and ratify this and so
other to be my last will and testament. In witness
hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this four
teenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1789. Henry
Pence. ~~ED~~ The words, be my will, was interlined before
the sealing hereof, signed and sealed in the presence of
at the testator's request and in presence of each other, being
they were, Harman ^{his} and his son Gould. Sole the
forgoing will was proved in the usual form before William Sewing
Esq. Surrogate of Essex County in the 30th day of April, 1789,
by Esau Gould and Harman Ellicott two of the subscribing witnesses.

Comp^d John Percatty Reg^r

them as a liar & a knave. You can find the answer to the above
in the late depositions. I say that they find the new piece of paper
& know him by his handwriting & know it to be his card (signed)
Scotland & that at the evening meeting that said "writing was of
John & his own mind & memory for no other than his own
believe & that is another loss the other party is in a way
preferred at the time & comparison in all the facts & in doing the
by red hot iron together with themselves in the presence of the
"editor" in

Sharon the 30th paper is 1789
before me
Wm. Smith 1789
1789

Wm. Smith
1789

1870

Trunk

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