In the name of God Amen. I James [illegible] of the County of State aforesaid, being sound in mind & memory thereby enabling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing the uncertainty for the time to come, First of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be decently interred in the Earth at the discretion of my executors hoping through the goodness of God in his providence hath favored me with in this world. I do devise & dispose in the following manner. Item. I order that all my lawful debts paid. Item. I do devise & bequeath to my beloved wife the tract of land I now live on with all the advantages belonging thereto during her life or widowhood, my sixty acres I bequeath to be divided [illegible] the rest of the land.

Item I order that at the marriage or death of my beloved wife the land to be sold & equally divided between my daughters Sarah, Esther, Margret, Martha & Elizabeth & James.

Item I do devise & bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Spencer her choice of the mares & saddle & the value of her third part of all the moveable property. Item. I do devise & bequeath to my daughter Mary one mare & five pounds specie. Item I do devise & bequeath to my daughter Sarah one mare & five pounds specie. Item. I do devise & bequeath to my son James Twenty pounds specie. Item. I do devise & bequeath to my beloved wife one bare back. Item. I order all my moveable property to be sold or disposed of which is bequeathed & the same parts I order to be equally divided my daughters & son Esther, Margret, Martha & Elizabeth & James.

I do hereby constitute my beloved wife Sarah & Sam Spencer to be executors of this my last will & testament, hereby I do revoke make void & disannul all former wills & testaments formerly made by me. Ratifying this only will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord 1784

Witnesses present

James McClellan

John [illegible]

James [illegible] (his mark)

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