

In the name of God Amen I Susan Epperson of the Parish of
Southwestern Co. County of Hamilton, being through the kindness of
God, the more fully, yet contented and perfect understanding of my own
do constitute ^{this} to be my last will and testament in manner and form following
(that is to say)

Item I give and bequeath unto Bridget Mary my sister in
law, (after my just debts ^{and} debts that have been contracted by my wife out
of her estate since the first day of June last past are paid and satisfied)
one negro woman named Melia and my negro names Stephen also all the
movable effects wearing apparel hogs sheep and hens also all other good
and Chattel, whatsoever to the said Bridget Mary to the only proper use and
benefit thereof Bridget Mary and her heirs. Item I give and bequeath
unto Samima Sally my sister in law wife of Joseph Sally my Negro
fellow Partner to her and her heirs forever. And as touching all the rest
residue and remainder of my own personal estate before the marriage
Contract with my wife Heria (now deceased) either in ready money, bonds
bills, debts or any other writing or writings whatsoever with all my stock
and all other good and Chattel, of or belonging or in any wise appertaining
unto me, after my just debts ^{and} debts I have contracted out of my own estate
be paid thereout; I give and bequeath the same every part and parcel
thereof unto Susanna Epperson my Mother to the only proper use and

be paid there out. I give and bequeath the same money that and parcel
thereof unto Susanna Opperson my Mother to the only proper use and
 behoof of her and he. This also my will and desire is that my estate be
not appraised. And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
Joseph Sallie and George Radford to be Executors of this my last Will and
testament hereby revoking disannulling and making void all other
Wills or writings by me heretofore made declaring this only to be my
Last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have interchangeably
set my hand and seal this 17th day of November in the Year of our
Lord Christ 1774

The mark of

Rich^d E. Opperson L. S.

Signed Sealed published and declared to be
the last Will and Testament of the within
mentioned Richard Opperson by us who have
subscribed our hands as witnesses

Edward Jones

Edward Massey

The mark of
Nathaniel Massey

At a Court held for Cumberland County 21st April 1775
This last Will and Testament of Richard Opperson do hereby certify is
true and proved by Edward Massey and Nathaniel Massey two of the
witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Joseph Sallie and George Radford to be Executors of this my last Will and testament hereby revoking disannulling and making void all other Wills or writings by me heretofore made declaring this only to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have interchangeably set my hand and seal this 13th day of November in the Year of our Lord Christ 1774.

Signed Sealed published and declared to be the last will and testament of the within mentioned Richard Epperson by us who have subscribed our hands as witnesses.

The mark of
Richard Epperson L. S.

Edward Jones

Edward Sharkey

The mark of
Nathaniel Sharkey

At a Court held for Cumberland County 21st April 1775
This last Will and testament of Richard Epperson deceased was exhibited in Court and proved by Edward Sharkey and Nathaniel Sharkey two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Test Thompson Swann Clerk.

At a Court held for Cumberland County 21st May 1775

On the motion of George Radford one of the executors in the will made

...and certificates are granted them for obtaining a
...in the free government education the said Joseph
...into the academy to law and liberty, resolved
...to join in person. Test
Thompson Secm. Clk.

In the name of God amen I Leander Hughes of the County
of Cumberland and Parish of Littleton being of sound memory though weak
in body do constitute and appoint this my last will and Testament 1st I
give my soul to Almighty God from whence it came and in hopes of a
happy resurrection at the last day, and as for my worldly Estate I
give and bequeath in the manner and form following secondly my desire
is that all my debts be first paid. And Thirdly I give and bequeath to
my son Powel Hughes the upper half of this tract of Land whereon I
now live to him and to his heirs for ever. Thirdly I give and
bequeath to my son Stephen Hughes the other half of the Land whereon I
now live with the houses that I now live in to him and his heirs for ever
Fourthly I give unto my son John Hughes four Negroes and their
issue and I bequeath to him the same.