I Sarah Spears of the County of Cumberland having lived to very advanced age thro the goodness of God my maker and by his kind providence aiding my feeble exertions have prospered and increased my goods and effects and knowing the uncertainty of human life may I have my lamps burning my loins girt about my Spirit humble and like a weary traveller pant with Joy and hope at the prospects of that heaven and immortal life promised to the faithfull with humble gratitude. I now dispose of my worldly goods as follows Inpremis

If give and bequeath to my five grand daughters as a mark of my lover and affection towards them the following property To my grand daughter Sally Spears, daughter of John Spears of Georgia one bed and furniture and five pounds. To my grand daughter Jane Daniel a negro Boy named Jim To my grand daughter Clarrissa Spears, daughter of Robert Spears a Bed and furniture To my grand daughter Sally Daniel a Bed and furniture To my grand daughter Susan Spears, www.virginiapioneers.com daughter of Jesse Spears a Bed and furniture and to my grand son William Spears, Son of Robert Spears, a Bed and furniture To each of them their heirs or assigns forever I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sally Spears a Bond due from Edwin Turpin of Sixty dallars and Interest thereon to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to Leonard Daniel my trusty and faithfull old negroe named Simon as the laws of the state forbid my extending to him in any other way the gratitude I feel towards him for his faithfullness to me. I do hereby Order and direct that my Executors hereafter named raise One hundred and fifty dollars out of any part of my Estate which sum is to be placed in the hands of of Leonard Daniel as my trustee and appropriated annually towards furnishing Simon with such articles that he may need for his comfort and happiness and if any part of the said fund should remain on hand at the death of Simon I give it to Leonard Daniel and I do request that Simon Still be treated with Special Care and Indulgence.

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It is my Will and desire that my Executors make Sale of my four Slaves George Sam Hampton and Nancy also as much of my Stock and household and kitchen furniture not disposed of as Will amount to the sum left me by my husband to be assertained by the appraisement and after paying One hundred and fifty dollars for the Support and benifit of Simon out of the sale aforesaid the balance of the sale to be divided in equal portions Between Robert Spears James Spears Sally Spears Polly Daniel and Betsy Williams and one Sixth part to John Spears's children of Georgia to each of them their heirs and assigns forever, I Give and bequeath to my son James whatever sum or sums of Money that he was Owing of me before he removed to the state of Kentucky. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Polly Daniel (after paying all my Just Debts) all the balance and remainder or residue of Stock of horses Cows Sheep and hogs that may be after the above specified Legaces are interpretated out and all money's that may be due me or that may be on hand or Crops not disposed of to her and her heirs forever. I do hereby appoint my friends Leonard Daniel Frederick Jones and John G. Daniel my Executors of this my last will and testament revoking & annuling all others in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this day of July 1812.

Sarah Spears

Signed & Sealed & ack'd. in the Presence of Samuel Ayres Elijah Ligon

Cumberland February Court 1815

This last will and Testament of Sarah Spears dec'd. was exhibited in Court and proved by Sam'l. Ayres a Witness thereto and con't. for further Proff on the motion of Leonard Daniel one of the Exors named in said will who made oath according to law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form he having entered

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into bond with Security according to Law and at a Court held for Cumberl'd Cty. the 27th day of March 1815 this Will was Exhibited in Court and further proved by Elijah Ligon and ordered to be recorded.

Test

www.virginiapioneers.com Jr. D. C.

A Copy-

Sarah Spears

Teste:

Circuit Court, Cumberland County, Virginia.

Estate of Sarah Spears Deceased In Account Current with Leonard Daniel Executor -

- Cash listing of payment of various bills and expenses -

To be distributed as followeth (viz)

To Sally Spears of John of Georgia

To Sarah Spears wife of Jesse (E. Turpins bond with interest thereon, etc.)

To Clarissa Spears of Robert

To Sarah Daniel of Leonard

To Susan Spears of Jesse

To William Spears of Robert

To Leonard Daniel for benefit of negroe Simon

Amount of appraisement of horses Cows Beds household & kitching furniture received by Sarah Spears of her husband William Spears at his death the amount thereof required by her will to be distributed as below

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(Negroes Hampton, George & Nancy Sold)

To Robert Spears one sixth part thereof

To Polly Daniel wife of Leonard same proportion

To Betsy Williams same proportion

To James Spears same

To Sally Spears wife of Jesse same

To John Spears children of Georgia same

To Polly Daniel wife of Leonard the ballance of the estate under the last clause of the will of Sarah Spears.

(Other names mentioned in settlement either as being paid money or as purchasing items)

R. Frayser, Blacksmith

William Turpin

G. Booker

Wharton & James medical & blacksmiths account

Samuel Ayres

William B. Taylor

Wm. Bondurant

Cash of Ro. Spears Ex'r. of Wm. Spears dec'd.

The undersigned Commissioners appointed by an order of the County of Cumberland dated in december last have examined and settled the accounts of Leonard Daniel Executors of Sarah Spears deceased and ordered distribution of the Estate agreeably to the annexed account Cumberland County 10 March 1819

Asbury Crenshaw

F. B. Deane

James Jennings (?)



Cumberland July Court 1819

This report of the settlement of the accounts of the Estate of www.virginiapioneers.com Sarah Spears deceased was returned and excepted to and on the motion to quash the settlement of said said Accounts the same was overruled and it is ordered that the said Report be recorded,

Test

R. D. Montague, jr. D. C.

An abstract-

Teste:

Deputy Clerk, Cumberland County, Virginia,

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Cumberland July Court 1819 - 27th

Jesse Spears & Sally his wife Jos. Williams & Elizabeth his wife, James Spears, Joseph Gills & Sarah his wife, Leonard D. Spears, Thomas Fowler & Polly his wife, and Dorotha W. H. Spears, Emeline H. Spears, & America W. Spears, infants under the age of Twenty one years by Thomas Fowler, their guardian and next friend, Richard Stratton and Jane his wife, Robert Spears and Clarisa Spears and William Spears, infants by the said Robert Spears their father and guardian, assigned to defend them in this suit and Sally Spears, and Susan Spears, infants by John Spears their guardian assigned to defend them in this suit...plfs. Www.virginiapioneers.com

In chancery

against
Leonard Daniel Executor of Sarah Spears deceased and
Polly his wife, and the said Leonard Daniel as
guardian to his daughter Sally Daniel defts.

A report of the settlement of amounts of the Estate of Sarah Spears, deceased, was returned and excepted to, and on motion to quash the settlement of said amounts the same was overruled, and it is ordered that the said report be recorded.

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Teste:

Circuit Court, Cumberland County, Virginia.