

In the name of God amen, I William Spears Sr of Cumberland County
being sick & weak but of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will
Testament in case I should die of any sickness or accident whatsoever

I give the following negro Simon, name, name, George & Mary, John,
and bay Bolt and one other horse three feather peas & furniture for house & table
and all the house hold furniture John Stears has three negroes of mine in his
possession to wit Mary, I child & Jack the rest of the said estate to be equally
divided among all my children except John Spears whose children are
to have child's part the land I purchased of Turlays Estate is to be equally
divided among all my children The land and plantation wherein I now live
I give to my wife her life time and at her decease to be equally divided
as the rest of my property —

declared & pronounced

in presence of us

Witness James

Richard Stokes

This day Frederick James came before me & made oath
that about noon o'clock on the morning of this day, William Spears of the said
County departed this life at or near what place of habitation that he
recalls, about three quarters of an hour before he died, requested the said
Frederick James to write his will, which he did, that he above, stating
stated to be his last will & Testament of the said deceased contained the
the true meaning & substance of what the said deceased pronounced to be
his last will and Testament and that he died before the same could be
reduced into the regular form of a will Testamentary, for his signature and further
that at the time the said will was pronounced, the said deceased was in sound
disposing mind & memory.

Given before me this

26th Feb. 1796

th. Gorington

Sign. H

Fred^x James

The said boundy departed this life about two o'clock in the morning of this day
and the executor in his presence requested Frederick James his last will & testament
and that the above Writing contains the true meaning and substance of what the sa-
id deceased pronounced to be his last will and testament and that the said deceased
was before the same could be reduced into the regular form of a will, for his
signature. And further that the said deceased was in a sound and disposing sen-
se and memory at the time the said will was pronounced.

Done before me this

20th Feb. 1796

Wm Carrington.



Signed

Richard Stokes

The said Frederick James, and Richard Stokes made oath that the deceased
nominated his sons John Speers William Speers and Robert Speers to be
executors to his last will & testament.

Done before me

Wm Carrington

Frederick James

Richard Stokes

At a Court held for Cumberland County, the 28th day of March 1796

This Writing purporting the last will and Testament of William Speers
deceased was proved by Frederick James, and James Richard Stokes to be the
will of the Testator pronounced in their presence, and the same is ordered to be
recorded - And on the motion of William & Robert Speers who made oath
according to their certificate is granted them for obtaining probat thereof in due form
of law securely whereupon they with Joseph Carrington and Francis Deane their
securities entered into bond according to law

A Copy-

Teste:

Better R. Mactow Deputy Clerk,
Circuit Court, Cumberland County, Va.

Teste

Josh. Mactow D. C.