

John
Speeds
Will

In the name of God amen I John Speed of the
County of Hicklenburg an and parish of St James in the
state of Virginia being of sound sence and memory do make
this my last will and Testament first I Give my soul to God who
gave it mine sons and certain hopes of the Resurrection to Eternal
through Jesus Christ our Lord amen I give to my Daughter Sarah
Henserd the Just sum of fifty pounds specie to her and her heirs for
ever I give to my Daughter Lucy Peter one young negro man named
Harry and my second best feather bed and furniture to her and her
heirs forever I give to my Grandchildren the Orphans of my son Lewis
Speed Each of them thirty pounds specie to Lewis Speed John Speed
Mary Speed and Matthias Speed to be paid to them severally
as they arrive at Lawfull age by my Executors hereafter to be named
and if either of the four now living should die before they come to age

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Then the whole hundred and twenty pounds be Equally Divided amongst such as
so many of them as shall Live to come to Lawfull age it is also my will and
desire that Each of the above named Grandchildren may have thirty shil-
lings Come to age to pay for schooling if they go
to school if not to be paid them when they do come to Lawfull age by my execs
I give to my Cousin James Speed fifty pounds specie to him and his heirs
forever I give to my two Grand sons John Speed and Joseph Speed Each of
them one p^r silver shoe buckle I give to my two Grand Daughters Sarah &
Elizabeth Speed Each of them one gold ring and now it is my will and
Desire that my whole Estate both real and personal Except one negro Man
above mentioned may be sold by my Executors as soon as conveniently may
be after my Death at twelve Months & the money arising by such
sale to see their with my cost stand indebted Cash after paying my Just
Debts and Legacies to be Equally Divided amongst my Children to
Wit James Speed Henry Speed Sarah Hensard Martha A Person
Joseph Speed and Nothias Speed or their legal representatives and
whereas I have a Law suit depending in the general Court with
Fields & Executors and if I should be Cast in the said suit that
there it is my will and Desire that all my Children may pay in

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Debts and Legacies to be Equally Divided Amongst my Children to
Will James Speed Henry Speed Sarah Hensard Martha A person
Joseph Speed and Martha Speed a their legal representatives and
whereas I have a Law suit depending in the general Court of the
Fields & Executors and if I should be lost in the said suit that
there it is my will and Desire that all my Children may pay in
proportion to what they receive of my Estate towards paying the said
Debt and Cost it is my will and Desire that ^{my} Estate may not be
Appraised and I do here by appoint my two sons Henry Speed &
Joseph Speed my Executors to this my Last will & Testament
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my seal this twenty sixth day of September in the year of our
Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Three.

John Speed 

Appraised and I do here by  point my two sons Henry Speed &
Joseph Speed my Executors to this my Last will & Testament
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my seal this twenty fifth day of September in the year of our
Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Three.

John Speed 

At a Court held for Muhlenburg County the 15 day of November 1785
This will was produced in Court by Henry Speed one of the executor there
in named and being no witnesses to the same but the Court being well
acquainted with the Testators hand writing and were satisfied that
the said will & the name thereto subscribed are all of the said Testator pro
per hand writing whereupon the said will was ordered to be recorded
affirmation and on the motion of the said Executor who made
the same

Here to and together with John Willson Benj^a Pulliam Thomas
Fowler Reuben Vaughan and John Brame his securities entered
in to and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Ten thousand
pounds conditioned as the Law directs Certificate was granted him for
obtaining a probat there of in due form liberty being reserved for Joseph
Speed the other exor therein named to join in the probat when he
shall think fit

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John Brown Cl. Cur.

In the name of God Amen I John Marshall of Mecklenburg
County being well and sound and perfect memory Thanks to almighty God
and calling to Remembrance the uncertainty of human life have made
this my last will and Testament in manner following I Give commit my
soul into the hands of my mercifull creator hoping for remission of my sins
The Merits of my blessed redeemer Jesus Christ my body I leave to be buried at
the discretion of my Executors hereafter named I mp^t after my Just Debts are