

Wilson Spence  
will

In the of God Amen

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I Wilson Spence of the County of Hansemond and State of Virginia being of sound mind and memory, but knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament in matters and form as follows; that is to say, I give unto my wife Harriett Ann two beds and necessary covering (first choice) one Berough (first choice) one table, one Rocking chair (first choice) nine sitting chairs (first choice) two looking glasses (first choice) one pair of Lamps (first choice) two tables (first choice) six cups and saucers, one dozen plates (first choice) two covered dishes six tea spoons (first choice) one set knives and forks three dishes (first choice) one sugar dish one milk Pot one wash bowl and Pitcher one Pitcher (first choice) two chambers (first choice) one set of castors, one coffee Pot, one glass dish, one dozen glass cans, two stone jars, one butter churn, one safe, one wash stand, one pair of flat Irons one pair of dog Irons one pair of tongs and shovell, one clock, one candle stick one half of my Bibles, (beside my family Bible) one cooking stove and all the cooking apparatus thereto belonging, one tray, one cup tin one wash tub, one half bushell measure, two buckets (first choice) one Brop Stittle, one Large Stair, one small Kitchen table, one small Hoggin, one Pot next to large size, two milk pans, fifty pounds of lard all the Bacon Stans that may be on hand, one half of the poultry, one cow named Jane, all the coffee that may be on hand, also I give unto my wife Harriett Spence a certain piece of land, beginning at Sarah Cobbs and Baltham Edwards corner at a white oak, thence bounding said Sarah Cobbs land south eighty five and a half East to the main Road thence bounding the west side of the main Road to the edge of the Hill around by the mill, thence various courses, to the first station embracing what may be termed the high land, and I do hereby give and I do hereby bequeath unto my wife Harriett Spence the lot back of the Garden containing by estimation,

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named Jane, all the coffee that may be on hand, also I give unto my wife  
Hannah Spruce a certain piece of Land, beginning at Sarah Cobbs and  
Bartlam Edwards corner at a white oak, thence bounding said Sarah  
Cobbs land south eighty five and a half East to the main road thence bounding  
the west side of the main Road to the edge of the Hill around by the mill, thence  
courses, to the first station embracing what may be termed the high land,  
Houses, Gardens, and the lot back of the Garden containing by estimation  
about six acres more or less; also one half of the Lands known as Hollands,  
Land adjoining Main March and others, all the foregoing property I  
give unto my wife and her heirs for ever, also I give unto my wife H. Ann  
one half of the interest in my mill property of every description unto her and  
her heirs forever.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah R Spruce the

other half of mill property together with the piece of land and houses  
lying on the East side of the main Road adjoining the piece of land I  
give to my wife H. Ann, Sarah Cobb and the mill pond containing about  
two or three acres more or less. also the piece of land known as the Dick  
field, also the piece called the Brooks house and field except the unen-  
closed part on each side of the water cut, that I leave for the benefit  
of keeping up mill dam. also I give unto the said Joseph R Spence the  
other half of the Holland land, adjoining main track and others,  
also I give unto the said Joseph R Spence one gun, one watch and gold  
chain, one washing machine and the balance of my household and kitchen  
furniture that I have not given to my wife H. Ann except the family Bible,  
which I leave to be kept in the family, the oldest member to have the keeping of it  
also I leave in the hands of Joseph R Spence seven hundred dollars, together  
with two notes against Johnathan Odrey to finish building the saw mill.  
and if any should be left to spend the balance on reproving the said mill  
property. I give unto the said Joseph R Spence one note against Elisha  
Harris payable January 1878 principal and interest will be about three  
hundred dollars and the said Joseph R Spence is to be responsible for  
and pay all my just debts that may come against my estate after  
my decease. I also give Jas. R Spence my Riding bundle and saddle, and  
one half of the poultry. I leave two yoke of oxen, one carry log and all the  
chains, also the ballance, and bill, to go for the use of the mill.  
Then I give unto John H. Peol my gray filly named  
Susan together with one half of my Chattle estate, that I shall not  
dispose of otherwise, also one set of buggy harness, also four hundred  
dollars to be paid over to him the said John H. Peol by Eldberry R

dollars to be paid over to him the said John H Pool by Ellsbury R Albertson who is indebted to me for the purchase of land & also a piece of Swamp Land lying over the River twenty acres.

Item 4th I give unto Ellsbury R Albertson one, Acre also the Tadmire Land which I sold him but failed to give him a deed, upon the condition that he pays over to John H Pool the Sum of Four Hundred dollars, which will leave a balance with the amount said Albertson has paid me on the Land of Five Hundred dollars, which five hundred dollars I give unto the the said E R Albertson his heirs for ever -

Item 5th I give the other half of my chattle & estate not disposed of to my son Jos. H. Spence he and J H Pool may divide said chatters in any way they may agree on.

Item 6th I give unto Caroline Mitchell the wife of Lem Mitchell of Pasquotank a certain piece of Land adjoining the the lands of W C Perry and others, known as the lands formerly belonging to Puttman Jones containing twelve acres more or less.

I give unto John H. Pool my Pool one piece of Swamp Land lying over the River formerly belonging to Puttman Jones.

I leave my son Jos. H Spence Executor to this my last will and Testament this May 19th 1872.

Wilson Spence 

North Carolina } In the  
Pasquotank County } Probate Court June 15th 1872

The foregoing papers entering purporting to be the

last will and Testament of Wilson Spence dec'd was this day offered for probate as a holograph will by Joseph R. Spence the executor therein named, and thereupon the following credible witnesses were introduced to wit: William T. Martin, J. R. Etheridge, and Mr. W. B. Griffin who being <sup>and</sup> sworn testified as follows to wit, that they were well acquainted with the hand writing of Wilson Spence dec'd. and they verily believe that the paper writings so proffered as his last will and Testament and every part thereof including the signature of the said Wilson Spence is in the own proper hand writing of said Wilson Spence, and it did further appear by the oath and examination of Dr. J. H. Pool a credible witness that said paper writing so proffered as the last will and Testament of Wilson Spence dec'd was after his death found among the valuable papers and effects of deceased

Therefore said paper writing so proffered is admitted to probate as the last will and Testament of Wilson Spence deceased sufficient in law to pass both real and personal estate and be the same with this certificate will be recorded

Wm E. Vaughan  
Probate Judge of  
Pasquotank County, N.C.

North Carolina } In the  
Pasquotank County } Probate Court June 18th 1872

I Wm E. Vaughan Judge of aforesaid Court do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the will of Wilson Spence, and the proceedings had in this Court as appears of record. Given at Office in Elizabeth City, N.C. the date above written

Wm E. Vaughan  
P. J.

Wm E Vaughan  
Probate Judge

Pasquotank County: In Probate Court.  
State of North Carolina

To whom these presents shall come Greeting

It being satisfactorily proven to the undersigned, Judge of Probate for Pasquotank County, that Wilson Spence late of said County is dead, having made his will and Testament, which has been admitted to probate (a true copy whereof is hereto annexed) and Joseph R Spence the executor therein named, having qualified as such according to Law.

Now these therefore to enforce the said Executor to enter in and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased and the same to take possession, where soever to be found, and all the just debts of said deceased to pay and satisfy, and the residue of said Estate to distribute according to the directions of said will.

Witness my hand, and the seal of said  
Court, this 18th day of June 1872

Wm E Vaughan  
Probate Judge

At a Court held for Pasquotank County, at the Court  
House on Monday the 8th day of July 1872  
This Copy of the last will and Testament of Wilson Spence

Estate of this County deceased having been fully proved by credible witnesses in the probate Court of the County of Pasquotank State of North Carolina, on the 18th day of June 1872 as appears by the Certificate thereto annexed of William E Vaughan the Probator for said County and State and was thereupon admitted to record, the Court doth order the said copy and Certificate thereto annexed to be recorded, here and on motion of Joseph R Spence the only executor therein named in the said copy of the said will made each as the law directs and entered into a bond in the penalty of Two thousand dollars conditioned according to law with Timothy E Longston his Surety therein who justified on oath as to his sufficiency warning all honest men and women and which said bond, being acknowledged by the obligors - therein is ordered to be recorded, a Certificate is granted the said Joseph R. Spence for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form

Testo

William E Cohon Clerk

Dr The Estate of Hamlin L Opps deceased.

For account with Sarah R Franklin and James R Saunders Executors

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