

In the Name of God Amen I George Speers
of the County of Rockingham and State of
Virginia Person being Sick and very weak in
body but of Perfect mind and memory, thanks
be given Almighty God for the same and calling
to mind the mortality of my body and know-
ing it is appointed for all men Once to Die DO
make and Declare this my last will and
Testament in manner and form following -
That is to say, I Give and Recommend my Soul
into the hands of God that gave it and my body
I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a
Decent Christian manner. And as Touching
such worldly Estates wherewith it hath Pleased
God to bless me with in this life - I will and
bequeath in the manner and form following
it is my will and Desire that the Plantation I
now live on that is three tracts of Land the
first Containing three hundred and fifty
acres that being the tract I now live on
The second tract Containing sixty acres,
The third tract Containing thirty-five acres,
be sold altogether within two or three years after

to the hands of God and I am a Christian

Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a
recent Christian manner. And as touching
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God to bless me with in this life - I will and
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the third tract containing thirty-five acres,
sold altogether within two or three years after
my decease, or sooner if they can be sold
advantage in the Judgment of any Person
hereafter named, and the money arising
from the sale of said land One third thereof
be paid unto my beloved wife Christianah
and the other two thirds to Equally divided
amongst my ~~children~~ children, that is to say my
daughter Elizabeth wife of Asa Morrison
my son, John, my daughter, my daughter

George Spearman my dearly beloved son
I bequeath unto my son John Spearman any Son David
and to my daughter Sarah wife of John Pott
The said Third Part to be paid to my said wife
at the several Payments as the Land shall
be sold, as also the said children their Proportions
agreeable to the times said money shall be
paid. I also bequeath unto my beloved wife
I have named forty Pounds in Cash, and one
woman named Peggy, and likewise three pounds
a horse or a mare at her choice with a saddle
& bridle likewise a small brass kettle and
Iron Pott and one Goose feather bed and
two and at the death of my said wife
Negro woman to be sold to my above said wife
to be equally divided amongst them after
to private sale among them, and said Negro
Issue (if any) my above named wife may
of as she may think Proper, and my will
Desire is that One Third Part of money
sing from the sale of the Lands above
Lands after the decease of my said wife
that, that money be equally divided amongst

a horse or a mare at her choice with a saddle
& bridle likewise a small brass kettle and
Iron Pott and one good feather bed and
furniture and at the death of my said wife I desire
my negro woman to descend to my above said
to be equally divided amongst them after
to private sale among them, and said negro
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Desire is that One Third Part of money
sing from the sale of the Lands above
mentioned after the decease of my said wife
that, that money be Equally divided among
said children above named. I likewise
and bequeathe unto my three sons Jacob, John
David & Shears, a Tract of Land lying in
Kentucky, in Lincoln County containing
hundred acres more or less it being the
where my son Jacob Shears now lives
Land to be divided in three equal
and my son Jacob to have the

and Said Land is to be valued, and Provided
Said Sons Jacob John and David Spears do
not agree themselves about the value of said
Then each of them is to chose his man to
value the same and if any Part of said
Land is valued for more than the other
Parts the balance is to be ^{paid} equally by the
Others unto him that is lowest in valuation
except what my son Jacob Spears has improved
on his Land both in building and clearing
of ground is not to be valued but left to him
for his hard labouring thereon, the said
Land left unto them my Said Sons their heirs
and assigns forever, I will and bequeath
unto my son Daniel two hundred Pounds
of the money arising from the Sale of
my Said Lands for his maintenance said
money to be put out on interest by my
Executors hereafter named, and that he
Remain and Provision made for him
out of my Estate for his maintenance in
any dwelling house till the Said Land be

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any dwelling house till the said land be
sold, and at the sale of said land my
said son Daniel to live with any of his
Brothers or Sisters at his choice, and
that the sum of ten Pounds be paid Out of
the two hundred every year unto the Person
that the said Daniel shall chuse to live
with, and if my said son Daniel should
die before the said two hundred Pounds

amongst them. I will and bequeath unto my
George Shavers one Negro man named Sam
to be his property exclusive of his Equal
Legacy with the Rest of my Children
his and his heirs and assigns immo-
after my decease, and my will is that
Rest of the Negroes belonging to my Est-
be sold among my above named Children
by way of Private Sale by my Executors
after named. I will and bequeath unto
daughter Sarah Rader three hundred
thirty five acres of land lying in Kent
on farm Creek exclusive of my Equal Leg-
of my Other Estate both real and per-
I further will and bequeath unto my
named daughters Catherine Carpenter
Mary Rife thirty Pounds each in Cash
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and further my will and Desire is that
Remainder of my Estate be Exposed to
Public Sale by my Executors, after my death
and the money therefrom arising be
divided equally, divided amongst my
above named. I do hereby constitute
for and for my beloved wife Christiana
and my friend John Reader
John Reader

my beloved wife Charlotte Spears my
Beloved friend John Brown & my beloved
son David Spears to be my lawful executors
and Executors of this my last will
and testament and I do hereby disavow
Revoke and utterly disannul all and every
Other former Testaments Wills, Legacies,
Bequests and Executors be me in any wise
before named wills and Bequests not
saying and confirming this and no other
to be my last will and Testament
Signed Sealed Published and Delivered by
the said George Spears as and for his
last will and Testament in the Presence
of us who in his Presence
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This 14th day of October
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J^r. Barneth
Christian ^{his} Sites
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Elizabeth ^{her} Sites
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George Spears

Birmingham November 18th 1803

The Last will and Testament of George Spears as
was Presented in Court and Proven by the Oaths of
Christian Sites and Elizabeth Sites two witnesses
who to same Oathes to be Proven and on the motion
of the said Christian Sites and Elizabeth Sites Executors of
the said George Spears was with solemnity entered into
the Court of forty thousand