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In the Name of God Amen. John Spotswood of the County of Spotsylvania
being ^{now} in perfect Health Sense & Memory but considering the
Uncertainty of Life make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament
as followeth.

I hereby give to my Dear Wife Mary Spotswood Three Hundred
Pounds Sterling a year during her natural Life to be paid her out of
my Estate that will descend and come to my Son Alexander Spots-
wood at my Decease, in Satisfaction and Lieu of her Dowry & share
of the said Estate, and of every other Estate Real and personal which
I have in Possession or Reversion, I also give her during her Life a
Negro Woman named Bella, and her waiting Maid named Troos, &
afterwards to my Son John of his Assigns, &
I give to my said Dear Wife during her Widowhood and no longer, the Use
of my Mansion House and Plantations which lie on both sides of
Mason's Run together with all the Negroes thereon at my Decease
and my Coach and six Horses with Coachman and Footmen, and all
my Plate Household Furniture, House Servants, Stocks of Hogs & Sheep
& Cattle that are on my Home Plantations at my Decease, my
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In compliance with the power and Authority given me by the last Will and Testament of my Deceased Father Alexander Spotswood Esq.

I give to my Daughter Anne One thousand pounds Sterling.

And I give to my Daughter Mary One thousand pounds Sterling

both which Sums to be raised out of my Estate which shall descend

and come to my Son Alexander at my Decease, by Sale or

Mortgage of any of his Lands in the County of Culpeper or Orange

to be paid to my said Daughters when they respectively arrive to the

Age of twenty One year or are married, I also give to my Daugh-

ter Anne a Mulatto Girl named Betty Daughter of old Proctor

to my Daughter Mary a Girl named Phillis the Daughter of Bella

Whereas my Father by his last Will & Testament in writing did

give to his Son Robert Spotswood three thousand pounds Sterling

to his Daughter Anna Catharina Two thousand pounds Sterling

and to his Daughter Dorothea two thousand pounds Sterling

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Fortunes to sell divers parcels of Land. Among the rest sold

and conveyed to Col. John Thornton seven Tracts or parcels

of Land containing in the whole Nine thousand & forty

Eight Acres as by the said Conveyance more particularly will appear, & afterwards I purchased the said Seven Tracts or parcels of Land of the said Col^o John Thornton as will appear by a Deed of Bargain & Sale to me thercof made, by which I am vested in the said Seven Tracts of Land in Fee Simple, And now I give and Devise the said Nine thousand and forty eight Acres of Land & all their Appurtenances to my Son John Spotswood and to his Heirs and Assigns forever, and if this Title should be deemed defective I desire that my Execut^{rs} will solicit & procure an Act of Assembly to Establish it. //

I also give & devise to my said Son John & his heirs & Assigns forever all that Tract and parcel of Land I bought of Ambrose Grayson adjoining my Land that I now live on, but if my Son Alexander will pay to my Son John One hundred pounds, then I give & devise the said Land to my Son Alexander & his Heirs & Assigns forever. //

I also give and devise to my said Son John & to his Heirs & Assigns forever all my part of the Estate in England which will descend to me & my Cousin John Denger after the death of my mother & her three Sisters. //

I also give to my said Son John & to his Heirs & Assigns forever all my Negroes & Mulattoes & Slaves that I am possessed of which are not entailed & annexed to my entailed Land. //

I am bequeathed to my entailed Son &c.

I also give to my said Son John after my Dear Wifes Decease or second Marriage, all my Plate, Household Furniture, House Servants, Coach and six Horses, Coachman and Postillion, and all the rest and residue of my personal Estate of what nature or kind soever not herein before bequeathed. — But if my Son Alexander will pay to my Son John the value of the Hacks of Cattle, Sheep, Hogg & Horses as they shall be appraised at, then I give the same to my said Son Alexander & his Heirs & Assigns forever. —

I do hereby Appoint my dear Wife Mary Spotswood, my Trusty Friends John Robinson Esq. Col. Bernard Moore Col. John Champe Mr. Edmund Pendleton, Mr. Prager Dixon & Mr. Nicholas Lowndes the Executors of this my last will & Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & affixed my Seal the sixth day of May

Anno Domini 1756

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Signed Sealed & Declared
by the Testator in presence of us

John Spotswood



John Sparrow

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John Taylor

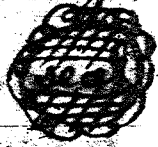
John Carter

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John Spotswood 

James Samersville
Dorothea Bengers
Lucy Diacon
John Taylor
James Carter
Joseph Merwin
John Taylor

I direct that all my Children be maintained and Educated out of the
growing Rents and Profits of my Estate untill they arrive to the age
of Twenty one Year or Day of Marriage. — May 6th 1736.
I also give to my God Daughter Mildred Dixon Daughter of Rogers
Dixon One hundred pounds Sterling to be raised out of the Sale of
my English Breeds of Horses, Witness my Hand the 6th May 1736.

The Codicil wrote under the will I
was signed & sealed by John Spotswood
Esq: in presence of us.

Doct^r Isaac Singer.

Isaac Stamerwill.

Lucy Dixon.

Isaac Taylor.

Joseph Steward.

Isaac Carter.

Isaac Taylor.

John Spotswood

At a Court Held for the County of Surry on Sunday December the 13th 1736.

The last Will & Testament of John Spotswood Esq: was
exhibited and sworn to in Court by Bernard Moore Gent. one of the Executors
therein named and was proved by the Oath of John Carter Gent. and

exhibited and sworn to in Bonds by Bernard Moore Gent. one of the Executors
therein named and was proved by the Oaths of John Carter Gent. and
Joseph Steward two of the Witnesses there to also a Codicil to the
said Will was proved by the same. That before an Order is to be
recorded and on Motion of the said Executor Certificate in due
form is granted him, for obtaining a probate thereof, for giving Security,
whereupon he together with John Baylor, Nathaniel West Dandridge,
and Philip Whitehead Claiborne Gent. his Security & Intercedents and
acknowledged their Bonds for due & faithful Administration of the
said Decedent's Estate, and performance of his will, and liberty is
reserved to the other Executors in the said Will named to Joyn in
the probate when they shall think fit, and the said Bernard Moore
Guardian to Alexander Spotswood an Infant Son of his at Law to
the said Decedent, informed the Court that he had no Objections to
make on behalf of the said Alexander against the proof of his
said Father's Will, which together with the said Will is also
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To W. Waller Clerk

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County November 27 1791

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T. S. W. Walter Clerk

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County November 2^d 1774
on the motion of Alex^r Spotswood Esq. who made oath thereto together with
James Seave his security entered into & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of
Ten thousand pounds as the Law directs. Certificate is granted him for obtaining
letters of admⁿ. De bonis non on the Estate John Spotswood dec^d with
his will annexed in due form
Teste J. S. W. Walter Clerk