

day of June Ann: Dom: 1704. Mich^l Wellington, forman, John
Garner, Samuel Rish, Francis Atmill, Lawrence Pope, Edward
Pope Washington Sen^r, John Champ, Peter Smith, Robert Sanford
James Smith, Edward Ransdale, Francis Self.

Thomas Thompson Secy^y

Spence Alex^r
Gent^l his
Will

In the name of God amen! May the second 1702, I Alex^r
Spence of Vocomoco in Copley parish in Westmoreland County, being
sick in body, but of good and perfect memory, thanks be to Al-
mighty God, and calling to mind the uncertain Estate of this transi-
tory life and that all flesh must yield unto death, when it
shall please God to call, do make, ordain, declare & appoint
this my last will and testam^t, in manner and form fol-
lowing, revoking and annulling by these presents all and
every testament and testam^t, will and wills heretofore
by me made and declared, either by word or writing, and
this is to be taken only for my last will and testament
and none other, and for such goods and chattels as hath
pleased God (far above my deserts) to bestow upon me, I
give and bequeath the same in manner and form following
that is to say, first I will that all those debts and duties
as I owe in right or conscience to any manner of persons
whatsoever shall be well and truly contented and paid
by my Ex^r & Ex^t in trust hereafter named. Imp^t It is my
will and desire that all my personal Estate in Virginia
be justly and truly inventoryed and appraised in money
speedily after my decease, and that a true acc^t of all my
tobacco debts, and my next succeeding crop of tobacco now
a making and all other my goods and chattels what-
soever be valued in money as also all my sheep, hogs,
cattle and horses, and all and every individual thing and
thing

things whatsoever be truly valued into money, and on Inventory of all to be
into money and carefully entered upon record and that an exact account
be taken of all my money in England bring in the hand of Mr John
Bunias or elsewhere to the true intent and meaning thereof is, that
all and singular my personal Estate may appear, the which I dispose
and bequeath in manner and form following - I give and bequeath unto my
son Patrick Spence nine negroes, viz: negro Cully, great Dick, Molatto
Wom, and negro Aggady, and the negro women Jude, Nanno, Mah, Gam-
bo, and Betty, wife to the said Cully - It I give and bequeath unto my
said son Patrick Spence the fifth part of all my household stuffs, goods
and utensils, proportionably according to the quantity and quality
of the same to be laid apart and carefully preserved for him.
It I give and bequeath unto my said son Patrick the fifth part of all my
stock of horses, hogs, sheep and cattle to be added to his portion, pro-
portionably according to the value of the same - It is my will that my
said son have all my books & (excepting all such books as those of Divinity
used in my house) and amongst them only my said son to have my
great Bible - It I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Spence, my
young negroes, viz: little Nanny, Sarah, Charles, and Jude's little sucking
child and little boy and Tony being the children of the negro women
Gambo - It I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Mary the fifth
part of all and singular my stock and household goods, in like
manner as is abov bequeathed unto my said son Patrick Spence
and the rest of her part, to make out her child's portion, my will
and desire is be paid unto her in money by my Exr. & Exrs in trust
hereafter named - It: My will and desire is that my said son Patrick
have so much money or tobacco according to value as will make out
his child's part so far as may be wanting, It: my will and desire is
that all the residue of my personal Estate, be equally divided into three
parts, proportionably according to the quantity of the several values and
parts thereof, viz: the residue of my stock to be divided into three parts
equally, likewise my household goods, money & tobacco &c. on third
part of said residue I give and bequeath unto my daughter Dorcas
Spence; and another third part of said residue of Estate to my
daughter Elizabeth Spence - It is the true intent and meaning of

...and desire my and my wife and children of the negro women
Epanto. It I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Mary the fifth
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manner as is above bequeathed unto my said son Patrick Spence
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this my last will and testament that the true value of my personal
Estate, be equally divided amongst my wife and children in man-
ner and form aforesaid and that I give and bequeath nothing
to wife only allowing her, her now wearing apparel for her para-
phernalia: It. My will and desire is, that my cattle and sheep
be kept intirely, and undivided upon my now dwelling plantation for
the space of four years next ensuing, and that my wife and children
proportionably gain the profit by y^e increase of them as to lose by y^e
decrease. It. My will and desire is that my daughter Dorcas have lib-
erty to keep a servant to work for her upon my said plantation for
the space of four years from this time, and to have her residence at my
house, so long. It. my will and desire is that my daughter Elizabeth
have y^e same liberty and have y^e same liberty and have for y^e space
of six years from this time. It. my will and desire is that the whole
use and produce of the labours, of above nine negroes, with my son
Patrick Spence, viz: that their crops annually be inspected, and as

exact account thereof taken by my trustees hereafter named, until my
 said son Patrick comes to the age of seventeen years, out of which my
 will is that y^e charge of my said son Patrick his schooling and
 maintenance, as also of the same charge of my daughter Mary, be
 answered and defrayed, and the remainder thereof be carefully
 reserved for y^e benefit of my said son. It I give and bequeath
 unto my friend Wills. Allerton my horse Titus. It I give and bequeath
 unto my friend George Etkridge, my horse Romland. It I do consti-
 tute, ordain and appoint my said son Patrick Spence, to be
 my whole and sole Ex^r of this my last will and testament.
 It I nominate and appoint my trusty friends Wills. Aller-
 ton and Mr George Etkridge to be my Ex^r in trust or overseers
 to see this my last will and testament performed. In witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal y^e day and
 year first above written.

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the presence
 of us John Hartley, W^m Manly

I Alex^r Spence Seal

Westmorland S.S.

At a Court held for the said County
 the 20th day of August 1704.
 The within and above will was proved by the oath of the above-
 witnesses, a Prob^t granted the Ex^rs therein named and the will
 ordered to be recorded.

Test
 Recorded, sexto die Septembris 1704
 In

Ja: Westcomb Ch^l Secy. Prob
Eundem Clerum

Edward & his
 Assignm^t to
 Butler

Know all men by these presents that we Meredith Edwards
 for divers good causes and consideration of Westmorland, plantis
 and Ann wife of the said Meredith Edwards for divers good
 causes and considerations us thereunto moving, more espec-
 ally of the consideration of four thousand four hundred pounds