

In the name of God amen I John Spears, being sick in Body but
of perfect mind and memory calling to mind, the mortality of my Soul, and
knowing it is once appointed for all men to die first and principally,
I commend my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it and my body
to the dust, and as to all my worldly good which it has pleased God to give
me this is today I dispose of in manner and form following that is to
say I give and bequeath Eight Negroes, to wit, Gato, Nancy, Lucy,
Rush, Scipio, Sam, Cyrus, and Deliah, one (Knox silver Bowl) and
Chair, also Five Hundred dollars in Cash, all the Bedding and furniture
belonging to my own bed Chamber, one half of the furniture belonging
to the Hall, and one half of the Kitchen furniture unto my
Beloved Wife - The whole of the residue of my Estate consisting of negroes
and stock I give and bequeath to my sisters Martha and Dolly, They
maintaining and schooling Mary Charly Mills and after the said
Mary Charly shall arrive to the age of Twenty one year - They are to
receive each, one negro out of the part bequeathed to my sisters Martha
and Dolly. It is my Will and desire that my Wife shall continue to live and
and plant the plantation I now live on - if she chooses to do so, as long as
she may think proper and, lastly I constitute and appoint my
Brother Charly Spears, Samuel Jany, John B. [unclear] & Andrew Malthouse
Executors of this my last Will & Testament, making all others and
acknowledging this only to be my last Will dated the 4th Day of
December one thousand Eight Hundred & three
Signed and Sealed
In the presence of

James McCreath ?
Thomas [unclear]
Andrew Malthouse

John Spears
Proved & Recorded this 21st
January 1804
William Roberts. C.C.O.