

State of Georgia  
Savannah County 3

In the name of 'God. Amer'

I William D. Spring of said State

And County being of advanced age, but  
of sound mind and memory knowing that I must shortly depart this  
life, seem it right and proper both as respects my family and  
myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which  
a kind Providence has blessed me, I do therefore make this my last  
will and testament hereby revoking and cancelling all others  
by me heretofore made.

1<sup>st</sup> I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and  
Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and  
condition in life, my soul I trust shall return to rest with  
God who gave it, I hope for salvation through the merits and  
a foretaste of the blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my two sons viz, James A. and Silenus P.  
one house each from my Stock with the right of choice.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give bequeath and desire to my beloved wife Mary Howard  
during her natural life only, my entire estate both real  
and personal consisting of lands, moneys, household and  
kitchen furniture, Stock of all kinds consisting of horses,  
Mules, Cows, Hogs, Sheep and Goats forming ~~the~~ of Blakely  
Smith Farm and any and every thing that I am possessed of  
that is of any value whatever, except the two houses, as named,  
in the second item.

4<sup>th</sup> I wish and desire that after the death of my wife my  
estate be equally divided between my heirs at law.

5<sup>th</sup> I hereby constitute and appoint my son James A.  
Spring, to execute this my last will and testament.

This September 20<sup>th</sup> 1866.

W. D. Spring (SS)

Signed Sealed declared and published by William D. Spring as his  
last will and testament in the presence of the undersigned  
who Subscribed my name hereunto in the presence of said testator  
at his special instance and request, and in the presence of  
each other, this September 20<sup>th</sup> 1866.

R. G. More

William McCorkle

J. W. C. Mairley

J. W. C. Mairley

February Term 1874

of Lincoln Court of Ordinary

Came into open Court at this regular term of the Court Robert G. Ware & William A. Gunby and being duly sworn do say that they saw William D. Spiering sign & publish therewithin his last will and testament, while of sound and disposing mind; that they witnessed the same for him at his request; and that William McCable and Michael B. Smalley also witnessed the same for him at his request, and all in his presence and of each other; and that the same was executed wholly & entirely by him on the day it purports to have been executed.

W. A. Gunby

R. G. Ware

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1874

P. F. Tatton Ordly

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P. F. Tatton Ordly

Codicil

State of Georgia, I William D. Spiering, did on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Six, sign, seal declare and publish, my last will and testament, in the presence of R. G. Ware, William McCable, M. B. Smalley and W. A. Gunby, who signed said will and testament as witnesses.

And whereas, in consideration of the infirmities of my two sons James A. and Simon P. and of the kindness & affection they have exhibited towards myself & my wife Mary, in their unceasing and untiring attention towards us, while sick & feeble in health — having tried with us, & waited upon us both day & night, endeavoring in every way to comfort and render pleasant our declining old age. I am desirous of altering and changing a bequest I have in the fourth article of said will, so as to give them my two sons, the entire remainder interest in my real estate. I therefore do make and publish this Codicil to said will & testament —

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I revoke & annul the said fourth article of my said will, so far as relates to my homestead & tract of land I now live upon.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I will and desire that after the death of my wife Mary, who is to have a life interest in my entire estate, said homestead & tract of land containing 240 acres more or less, situated between my

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> So far as relates to the remainder of my estate, not mentioned in the preceding item, I desire the said fourth article of my last Testament to remain valid & unchanged,  
This 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1872.

W. D. Spirey C.S.

Signed, Sealed, Declared & published, by William D. Spirey as a Codicil to his last will and testament of the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1866, in the presence of the undersigned, who do subscribe our names hereunto, in presence of the Testator, at his special instance and request, and in the presence of each other - This 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1872,

R. G. Ware

N. D. Bussay

W. A. Gunby

To Lincoln June 1872

of Lincoln Court of Ordinary

Came into open Court at this regular time of the Court Robert G. Ware, Nathan D. Bussay and William A. Gunby, and being duly sworn deposed and say that they saw William D. Spirey sign and publish the within as a codicile to his last Will & Testament previously executed on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1866 - while sound and disposing mind; that they witnessed said Codicile for him at his request and in his presence and of each other, and that the same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been executed -

W. A. Gunby

R. G. Ware

N. D. Bussay

Severn to Subscribed before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1874

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