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Thomas Spencer of the County of Caswell Province of North Carolina, being weak in Body but of Sound Mind, Taking into consideration the Shortness & Uncertainty of this Transitory life and that it is appointed all men once to die, do make and Ordain this my last will and Testament in a manner and form following (that is to say)

Principally and first of all I Give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave all; And as for my Body I recommend it to the earth to be Buried in a Christian like and Decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as Touching such worldly goods wherewith it has pleased God to Bless me with in this life, I Give, Devise & dispose of the Same in a manner and form following, that is to say, Item, I Give and Bequeath to my wellbeloved son John Spencer Two hundred acres of Land to be Taken off that Corner of the Tract of Land whereon I live that Joynes Crowland Hughes, not Touching my Plantation nor Mill

Item, I Give and Bequeath to my wellbeloved Daughter Daughter Francis Spencer my Bay mare named Fly, (that the said that she is now with foal with to be left on the plantation being accepted to dispose of otherwise) one Leather Bed and Furniture one Cow & one Black walnut chest & one Sides Saddle

Item, I Give and Bequeath to my wellbeloved Daughter Betty Spencer one year old mare with that came out of my Bay mare called Fly, one woman's Saddle one Leather Bed and Furniture, one Cow and one Black walnut Chest

Item I Give and Bequeath to my wellbeloved Daughter Robby Spencer one Rear & Mare and one Cow that she already has in possession and likewise one Bed & Chest that she has in possession & one woman's Saddle that she has not yet Received

Item, I Give and Bequeath to my wellbeloved Daughter Mary Spencer one Bay horse with that came out of my Wife's mare one Woman's Saddle, one Leather Bed & Furniture, one Cow and one Black walnut Chest

Item I Give and Bequeath to my wellbeloved Daughter Susannah Spencer one Bay Horse with that is called her own Woman's Saddle one Leather Bed and Furniture, one Cow & one Black walnut Chest — I Also leave my Will to be sold to the Highest Bidder and the Money to be Equally Divided between my three sons (to wit, Benjamin Spencer, John Spencer and Thomas Spencer, All and Singular the rest of my Estate be it of what kind or Quality soever I have to my wellbeloved Wife Elizabeth Spencer (during her Natural life or widowhood) (Employing my Station and Bay Horse (called the Bracken horse which is to be sold to pay my Debts) and at her Death or later Marriage all is to return to my son Thomas Spencer

I Also appoint my wellbeloved Wife Elizabeth Spencer and my two sons Benjamin Spencer and John Spencer whole and Sole Executors of this my last will & Testament, Revoking and Disannulling all and every other Will or Wills by me heretofore made, Publishing and Declaring this to be my last Will and Testament. Witness my hand & Seal this Eleventh day of July in the year of our Lord Christ One Thousand seven hundred & Eighty One Signed Seal & Published (Signed) in presence of

Arthur Lovin
John Henslee (Scrib),
William Mitchell

his
Thomas Spencer
Mark

Sept^r Court 1781

The Execution of this will was duly proved in open Court by the oath of John Henslee one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto & Ordered to be recorded

Test A. C. Murphy