

In the Name of God Amen I Mary Brinkley of Swain
quimons County in North Carolina being very Sick and weak but
of Sound mind and memory and Calling to mind that all Flesh must die
to prevent any Disputes that may happen in my Family Concerning what
worldly Estate it hath pleased almighty God to bestow upon me do make
and ordain this my Last will and Testament in manner & form following
First and principally I Bequeath my Soul to almighty God who gave it
in hopes of a glorious Resurrection through the merits and passion of
our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ and my body to the Earth to be buried in
Christain like manner according to the Discretion of my Executors hereafter
named Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son Peter Brinkley one heffer
to him and his heirs forever Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son John Brinkley
one heffer to him and his heirs forever Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Isabella
Briffin my old negro woman called Lucy to her and her heirs forever Item I give and
Bequeath to my Grand son Thomas Brinkley one heffer to him and his heirs forever
I give and Bequeath to my Grand son James Brinkley one heffer to him and his heirs
forever Item I give and Bequeath to my Grand son John Brinkley two heffer
to him and his heirs forever Item I give ^{and Bequeath} to my Grand son Peter Brinkley
one heffer to him and his heirs forever Item I give and Bequeath to my Grand son
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I give and Bequeath to my Gran Son James Brinkley one heffer to him and his Wives
for ever Item I give and Bequeath to my Gran Son John Brinkley Two Little
Sties to him and his Wives for ever Item I give to my Gran Son Peter Brinkley
one heffer to him and his Wives for ever Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter
Penelope Brinkley my young mare called Bullock and also one cow and half and
my wearing black to her and her Wives for ever Item it is my will and desire
that all my wearing apparel be Equally Divided between my Son Daniel
and Two Gran Daughters viz. Isobell Griffin, Ruth Fisher, Mary Fisher, Penelope
Brinkley, Susan and Susan Blake and I do nominate and appoint
Son John Brinkley and my Gran Daughter Penelope Brinkley to be my
Executors of this my Last will and Testament Respecting and disposing of

former will or wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set
my Hand and seal my seal this Twentieth fifth day of November 1776
Signed, sealed & Delivered to be his Last will and Testament in the Presence
of Lewis Jones, Ann Babb, John Niddick, Mary ^{her} B. Brinkley ^{mark}
State of North Carolina Gates County 1st February Inferior Court of Pleas
and Quarter Session 1781 The above and within written will was exhibited into
Court by John Brinkley an Executor thereto appointed and proved by the oath of
Lewis Jones and John Niddick Subscribing Witnesses thereto That the said will
was ordered to be Recorded at the same time the said Executor was duly Qualified
for that office and prayed an order for Letters Testamentary thereon which was granted
Teste Law, Baker C. C. G.

In the Name of God Amen Know ye that I Elijah Spivey of
the County of Johnston and Province of North Carolina being at this time
in Perfect Sense & Sound & Disposing mind and memory Thanks be Given to
God for the same and being to mind the uncertain State of this mortal Life
and being desirous of Selling & Disposing of this my Temporal Estate which
is both Pleasa God to bestow upon me in this Life do make and Ordain
Publish & declare this Present will