

Last Will and Testament of James P. Speight.

In the name of God, amen - I James P. Speight of the County of Greene and State of North Carolina being of advanced years and feeble in body; but of sound mind and disposing judgment, do hereby make and declare this to be my last will and testament (hereby ~~repealing~~ all others heretofore made by me).

- 1st I leave to Appie Bynum during her life time the following tract of land lying and being situate in said County of Greene on the north side of great Contentnea Creek beginning on the Watery branch at a point opposite the cross fence on the south side of the road and running from said branch through the marsh to the end of said cross fence where it joins the outside fence and then with said cross fence to the road then up said road to the pig pen branch just above John Galt's house, then down said branch to the dry swamp, then down said swamp to said Appie Bynum's line, then with her line south 65 $\frac{1}{4}$ east to a corner at the entrance of her land by the gate, then south 10 east with her line to Contentnea Creek, then down said Creek to the mouth of the Watery branch and then up said branch to the beginning containing by estimate two hundred acres (200) more or less, to have and to hold during her life time for her sole use and benefit.
- 2^d At the death of said Appie Bynum I give bequeath and devise the aforesaid tract of land to her son James S. Bynum and also the following in addition thereto. Beginning at the road where the cross fence before mentioned comes to it, and across the road to the mouth of the ditch which runs from just below Louis Speight's house into the large ditch or canal near a persimmon tree then up said ditch to its head, and then a straight line the same curve to the pig pen branch, then up said branch to a poplar about three hundred yards above Bill Speight's house, then from said poplar north

to the Nelson line then with said north 88 West to a stake Appie Albittons corner, then south 4 West with the said Appie Albittons and Appie Bynum's ~~corner~~ line to a stake in the pig pen branch Appie Bynum's corner, then down said branch to the road above John Galt's house, and then down the road to the beginning containing about one hundred acres making about three hundred acres in all his lot (300) to have and to hold I will him and his children after him (should he have any) in fee simple forever. And I also bequeath and give to him my watch and chain.

- 3^d I leave to my beloved wife Mary J. Speight the balance of my land during her life time and at her death to be divided as follows. I give, bequeath and devise to Hattie M. Bynum the tract of land on which I live beginning at the Watery branch where it crossed the road and then runs up said road to an elder bush near the end of the cross fence which divides the gin house field from the big field and then with said fence (or where it formerly was) to the old ditch near the gate and then with said old ditch to Jock's branch near John Ewos' gate, then up said branch to the fork, then with its western prong to its head at a small pine, then north 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ east 32 poles to a stake (formerly a hickory tree) Stephen J. Daniels' corner, then north 6 east 40 poles to a pine D. S. W. Ward's corner, then with his line to the Watery branch, then down said branch to the beginning containing four hundred and twenty acres (420) to have and to hold to her and her children after her in fee simple forever (should she have any).
- 4th I give and bequeath and devise to Robert W. Bynum the tract of land lying between the two tracts disposed of to James S. Bynum and Hattie M. Bynum viz beginning at the point in the Watery branch named in the

Run to Appie Bynum and run up said
 branch to the road, then up the road to an
 elder bush near the end of the cross fence
 dividing the gin house field and big piece, then
 with said fence (on where it formerly
 was) to the old ditch near the gate, then with
 said ditch to fork, branch near John Evans
 gate, then up said branch to the fork, then
 within the western prong to its head at a
 small pine, then North $31\frac{1}{2}$ East 32 poles, to
 a stake (formerly a hickory tree) Stephen
 J. Daniel's corner then North 88 West 20 poles,
 to a stake Stephen J. Daniel's corner, then
 North 40 poles to a stake near a hickory
 tree at the lower corner of Maria Stanton's
 lot another corner of said Stephen J. Daniel,
 then North 88 West with Maria Stanton's
 line and the Bonelson line to the point
 named in the lot to James S. Bynum, then
 with said line south to the pig pen
 branch then down said branch to the
 point where James S. Bynum's line strikes
 it and then with his and Appie Bynum's
 line reversed to the point in the water
 branch the beginning, containing three
 hundred acres (300), to have and to hold
 to him and his children after him (should
 he have any), in fee simple forever. I also give
 him one black horse. Ransom

5⁵ I give bequeath and devise to Mary Bynum
 one tract of land which I bought of George
 W. Daniel bounded as follows, beginning
 at a light wood stake on the hedge row of
 the old Stephen Daniel land side of the
 large path leading from Maria Stanton's
 house to Arch Stanton's house near a large
 short straw pine a corner between the
 Bonelson heirs, Dr. Ward and myself and
 run North $152\frac{1}{2}$ poles to the old path
 leading from George W. Daniel's residence
 to the Snow Hill road and near a white
 oak in the piece of ground on which Jim
 Ward lives (and who I suppose cut it down)
 then with said old path to the end of the said

George W. Daniel's old lane, then south 5 east $7\frac{1}{2}$ poles to
 a light wood knot on the side of the path
 leading from the old Stephen Daniel gate to
 the late residence of Justice S. Daniel dead,
 then with said path west to give a corner
 between myself and the Bonelson heirs
 then south 5 East $38\frac{1}{2}$ poles to a pine
 near the corner of the old Baker field and
 other corner between myself and the Bonelsons,
 then South 88 East 119 poles to the beginning
 containing 59 acres more or less, I also
 give, bequeath and devise to her one other
 tract known as the Williams, land bounded
 as follows. Beginning at a stake on the road
 leading from Fanny Turnage's to Tabernacle
 Church Paul Speight's corner then with Fanny
 Turnage's line to a post oak on the Green
 ville road then with said road to Joseph A.
 Ward's line then with his line to the pine
 woods branch then up said branch to a
 small bay Amanda Feltton's corner, then with
 her line to a pine stump in a pond a corner
 between her and myself and Paul Speight and
 then with a line of marked trees west to
 the beginning containing 180 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres more
 or less making two hundred thirty nine $\frac{1}{2}$
 acres (239 $\frac{1}{2}$). To have and to hold to her
 and her children after her (should she
 have any) in fee simple forever.

6⁵ My devise is that if either of the girls
 should die before they are twenty one years
 old or without issue the surviving girl
 shall inherit her part of the land and if
 either of the boys should die before they are
 twenty one years old or without legal is-
 sue then the other boy shall inherit his
 share or if one of the boys and one of the
 girls should die before they are twenty
 one years old the survivors shall share
 equally and should they all die without
 legal issue then it is my devise that my
 land shall revert to my nearest kin on
 my father's side, to wit to William B. Dan-
 del's three sons by last wife viz Edwin S.

Garden, Archibald S. Garden, and Walter Garden share and share alike.

7th My desire is that the two pieces of land which I purchased of Nancy H. Fleming by giving adjoining gabberly possession and adjoining the lands of William Corbett Sixth Walburn and others the location and boundaries of which may be ascertained by reference to deed shall be sold either publicly or privately as my executor hereinafter named shall judge most expedient, and the proceeds thereof with the proceeds of my personal property not herein disposed of shall be applied to the payment of my just debts and burial expenses and should there be any surplus remaining it shall be paid over to my beloved wife for her comfort and accommodation while she lives.

8th I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary J. Spright all of my household and kitchen furniture she may wish to retain (excepting the articles disposed of) and also three horses named Harry, Tab and Nelly, also two mules Molly and Mick, one yoke of Oxen, two Cows and Calves her choice, the hogs which are fed here at the house, two Carts (tumble) one or Cart, one wagon, one log Carriage five sets of plow gear four plows two lime plows and two shovel plows, four weeding hoes, two grubbing hoes and enough of the corn, fodder, wheat, oats, rye & fodder to serve her one year also meat and the balance I desire to be sold for Cash and applied as expressed in item seventh.

9th I give and bequeath to Edwin S. Garden the desk and book case in the paragon as it used to belong to his uncle Edwin S. Spright and I also desire that he shall take the old writing Chair that used to belong to his great, great uncle William Spright as a seat of justice and presence

10th I as an antiquated relic
I give and bequeath to the children of Nancy H. Fleming the note which I held against her and if I should neglect to give it to them before my death my executors hereinafter named may hand it over to them at any time.

11th My desire is that as soon after my death as is practicable my executors hereinafter named together with other friends who are willing to assist will provide for my body a decent interment similar to those of my family who have preceded me to the spirit land and erect tombstones at my grave similar to those which I had erected at sister Mary's grave.

12th I desire that as soon as they shall deem it best after my death they shall sell all of my personal property to the highest bidder for Cash (not hereby disposed of) and appropriate the same to the payment of burial expenses, costs of settlement and just debts and if any surplus pay to my beloved wife and should she not need it she can give it to her name sake Mary Rymum. Should there be a deficiency then my desire is that it shall be raised by sale of the Williams land and then the balance paid to Mary Rymum and enough of the land given to Hattie Rymum be taken off the upper part next to St. Ward's land to reimburse her. And lastly I constitute and appoint my trust worthy friend and neighbor William S. Garden Executor and if it suits her views and wishes my beloved wife Mary J. Spright Executor to execute and carry out the provisions herein contained according to the true intent and meaning thereof. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 26th day of February 1888.

James O. Spright (Seal)

Signed in presence of us who
at his request sign our names as
witness thereto.
Wm. May
A. L. Garden

Codicil to the foregoing will -

Whereas I James P. Speight have made my last will and testament in writing bearing the date of the 26th day of July 1888 and have thereby made sundry devises and bequests according to the then existing circumstances of my estate, but which circumstances having now materially changed I do by this writing, which I hereby declare to be a Codicil to my said will, to be taken and construed as a part thereof, will and direct that all of my estate shall go to my wife Mary J. Speight and her sister Appie Bynum during the term of their natural lives and then to be equally divided between the children of said Appie Bynum, to have and to hold to them, their heirs and assigns, absolutely and in fee simple forever. And I do hereby give and devise to my niece Bettie B. Barnett all of my interest in the Samuel Vines estate. And I do hereby appoint and constitute my friend Shade Woolli and my wife Mary J. Speight my lawful executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof. In witness whereof I the said James P. Speight do hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of March 1891.

James P. Speight *(initials)*

Witnesses;
J. E. Rountree
W. M. Darden -

State of North Carolina } In the Superior
Greene County } Court -
In the matter of the last will of James P. Speight;
It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of A. L. Darden and William May the subscribing witnesses to the said will and of J. E. Rountree and W. M. Darden the subscribing witnesses to the Codicil that the paper writing purported by the executor and executrix therein

named, is the last will and testament of James P. Speight and that the same was duly executed by said James P. Speight in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said James P. Speight was of sound mind. It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament, together with the Codicil, of the said James P. Speight and the executor and executrix therein named qualify as such. This the 7th day of May 1891.
John W. Blount,
Clerk Superior Court.

Will of Emily Lyons

I, Emily Lyons of Greene County, North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:-
First that my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.
Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my grand children John Dail, Robert Dail, & Emily Cordelia Dail, children of my daughter Julia Ann Dail fifty acres of land adjoining the Heath land and on the South side of the main road leading from Scuffletown to Hookerton, also adjoining the Pate land. All the balance of my property I have given both real and personal unto my son Zens G. Lyons in a deed of gift, excepting my life estate in the same, to them and their heirs absolutely in fee simple forever. And I hereby appoint and constitute my son Zens G. Lyons my lawful executor to execute this my last will and testament according to the true