

In the name of God amen, I George Spence of the County
of Guilford & State of North Carolina, being ^{in perfect} sound mind & memory do
make certain publick & declare this now this only to be my last will & Testament.

In the first place I request my body to be buried in a decent & Christian
manner at the discretion of my loved & beloved after me.

In the second place I alter all my just debts & unpaid expenses to be paid
out of my estate by my Executors.

In the third place I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary
Spence, such of my negroes as she may think proper to keep the balance to be
valued in lots by three good men, and the same negroes to cheer their lives
and in case they can't get money to suit them, then my Executors is to sell
them as they may think best, and the interest arising from such sale & sales
of my estate shall go to my beloved wife her lifetime with my plantation
on which I now live, with so much of my house hold and kitchen furniture
as she may want. Hens cows and hogs farming tools & every thing to carry
on her farm and should she at any time want to quit, owning my Executors
may sell my lands and negroes such other property as she may have and
the interest of all my estate to my beloved wife her lifetime, and at her death
the balance, after two Thousand Dollars to my beloved wife, to dispose of

the interest of all my estate to my beloved wife her heirs, &c. at her death
the balance, after two thousand dollars to my beloved wife, to dispose of
as she may think proper.

I will unto my Heir George H. Spence living in Georgia the balance of my
estate after ~~my~~ death of my wife, and should my wife, Geo
H. Spence have no lawful heir, I will his part to John Spence, his elder brother
living in Georgia.

I do hereby constitute & appoint my friend James M. Allen & my beloved wife
Mary Spence, the executors of this my last will & testament, to execute the same
according to the true spirit & meaning of the same & according to law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand &c. this 15th day of

May. A.D. 1847.

In presence of these witnesses

Signed sealed published & delivered

In presence of

James M. Allen

J. H. Caldwell

State of North Carolina

Guilford County

May 18th 1847.

George H. Spence