

In the Name of God Amon & John Spencer of the County of Hyde and State of North Carolina being in a sound State of Health But of perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the Mortality of the Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that give it and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be decently Buried Agreeable to my Exec't Discretion and foretelling this world by Cutle Wherein it hath pleased God to bless me with I Give and Bequeath in the Manner and form following that is to say

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mary Gibbs the use of Seven negroes during her natural life that is to say Nan, Jack, Sol, George, Currington, Grace and Mingo and at her death to be Equally divided betwix her Children both living and then deceased I Give and Bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Sanderson four negroes that is to say Dinah, Sam or Coss and Ruth during the natural life of her the said Elizabeth Sanderson to have the use of the above said negroes and at her Death to be Equally divided between her Children the above said negroes & their Interesse

I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson John Gibbs the plantation where on Gibbs that is to say all the Land to the East and the Shore off the main Road and one negro girl by the name of Prudence and all the Blacksmith tools and the Land lying on the South west side bay which Quarely may be seen by a Deed of Conveyance from James Clayton.

I Give and Bequeath to my Grandson John Sanderson all my Right of Land to the North and west of Side of the Main Road running William Spencer line and also one negro boy or man by the name of William Spencer and also one negro boy or man by the name of Jeffreys Gibbs and also one negro boy or man by the name of Mingo and one feather Bed and furniture. Item I Give and Bequeath to my Granddaughter Elizabeth Sanderson one negro man by the name of Bob and one feather Bed and furniture

Item I Give the use of the four negroes last mentioned in my will to my Beloved Wife During her life and also the girl and all my Movable property and after the Death of my wife the said four negroes to belong to my Grandchildren before

mentioned and also all the movable Property to be equally Divided Between my two Daughters and four Grandchildren that is to say John Gibbs, John Sanderson and Elizabeth Sanderson and Jeffreys Gibbs and that the said movable Property and Legacies after the Death of my wife shall be Equally Divided by my Exec't as before mentioned in this my will and also my will that Burridge Gibbs and Nathan Spencer Should be Executors to this my Last will and Testament and I do here by Commande and appoint Burridge Gibbs and Nathan Spencer to hold and sell by Ext' to this my Last Will and Testament in witness where off I do sign by set my Hand and by my seal this Eleventh day of October and in the year of Our Lord God one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Three.

Signed Sealed Published and Promised John Spencer Seal  
to John Spencer's Last Will and Testament  
in presence of us and in the presence of each other  
Hath Witnessed the same

William Spencer  
Benjamin Gibbs  
Solomon Swindell

Hyde County, Ascent Term 1783 —  
Per the Whiffall Justice this will was  
Exhibited to the above named proved by the oath  
of William Spencer and recorded  
Test

Dec. 11, 1899  
From Record of Wills and accounts  
No. Page 296 297  
P. D. Harris C. O.

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