

In the name of God Amens

I Simon Spight of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina being
weak of body but of perfect sound mind and memory thanks be to God for
the same, and calling to mind the mortality of the Body and that it is ap-
pointed for all humane Once to die do make and Ordain this to be my Last
Will and Testament In manner and form following Viz. first of all I
recommend my Soul into hands of God that gave it me and my body to the
dust from whence it was taken to be buried In a decent manner and touching such
worldly Goods as It has pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath as follows

Viz.

Item I bind unto my beloved wife Mary Spight the use and profit of all my Land and
plantation wherein I now live, Including my water mill and with such lines of said
Land as will hereafter be mentioned, (except the part that my son Sharp Spight has
in possession) and the use and benefit of a much of the out land, and Timber, as the
my said wife, may want for the use of this plantation, and cattle, and the use and
labor of Five negroes named, David late Simon Linn and Juba, for and during her
my said wife's natural life, or whenever she no longer

Item I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Spight Three negroes, named Caesar, Sall
and Sarah, all and singular my House hold Goods and Chattels, all my Kitchen furni-
ture, all my plantation cattle, of every kind, all my Stock of every kind, (except such
of said Stock as I shall hereafter direct otherwise), all my Corp of every kind, that shall be
made or housed, and all other kind of provision whatsoever, to her, her heirs and assigns
for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my four grand sons named Everett, Peter, John and Jas
Spights all my Land below the mill run, and bounded as follows.—

Beginsing at the mouth of the mill run and running up with said mill run, to the
to the last end of said mill stream, where one half acre of Land, is to be laid off,
where it will be most convenient, for said mill, then from the upper end of said
half acre, with the highest water, mark up the eastward side of said pond, to the
upper end, then with the main branch to the Chincapin Island, or to my back
line, then with said back line to my lower line, then with said line to Bear
Creek then up the various courses of said creek, to the beginning, I also Give
to my four grand sons aforesaid, One negro man named Charles, one negro
woman named Eliza, and her three children named, Sall, Sim, and Readings,
and their former and future Increase, to them their heirs and assigns for ever,

I also give to grand son, Ira Spight one negro girl named Juda, after the death
of my said wife, with her Increase to him his heirs and apigns forever, but If
either of my said grand sons should die without lawful Issue my Will and desire Is
that the survivors of them shall heir the share of the deceased, equally among them

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Sharp Spight, all my land, lying above the
mill run and to the lines of the Lands heretofore mentioned, reserving my Wifes life or
Widow hood In said share or the part that I give to my son Sharp I also give my
said son Sharp Spight, One negro boy named Ben, to him his heirs and apigns for
Ever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Hanson three negroes, named
Bess Hannah and Silas, with their former and future Increase, to her, her
heirs and apigns forever,

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Spight Five negroes, named Master Isaac
Sim Diner and her child named Calvin, reserving my said Wifes life In said
negro Diner, with all her former and future Increase, to him his heirs and
apigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Hollanda Hanson Four negroes, named Rose, Sall, Bate,
and lot son of said Cal, reserving my Wifes life In said Bate, with all their former
and future increase (except two of cal's children that has and will be given other ways)
to her, her heirs and apigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Hoonel Four negroes, named Anna, Bett,
Daniel, and Simon, reserving my Wifes life in said negroes Daniel and Simon, with all
their former and future Increase, to her, her heirs and apigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grand son, Simon Reynolds Spight One negro girl named
Tensar, reserving my Wifes life in said girl Tensar, Then to the use of my son Thomas Spight
until my said grand son arrives to the age of Twenty one years, with her increase, to him
his heirs and apigns forever.

My Will and desire Is that my executor hereafter named shall sell the following pieces
of Land, one piece called the cow Ridge, One piece lying on each side of the bear
hole, and my part of the land purchased, by myself and John Beeton, of William
Bond on Eloue River, and as much of my said stock, as will enable him to pay
All my just debts.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my living Son Thomas Spight, my whole and
sole executor of this my last will and Testament, signed, sealed, and published and
witnessed by Simon Spight, the Testator to be his last will and testament In presence
who have hereunto set our names this 7th day of April in the year of our Lord 1713.

John Parrot

Simon Spight ^{sd} ~~sd~~

State of North Carolina

Jones County Court February Term 1816.

Then was the above will of Simon Spight duly proved in open court by the oath
of Ben. W^m Harget one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time
Thomas Spight the Executor therein named qualified as such. Ordered that letters
Testamentary issue accordingly,

In the Name of god Amen I Abraham Taylor of Jones County and
State of North Carolina being at this time in reasonable health in body and
perfect mind and memory do make constitute and ordain this my last will and
Testament in manner and form following first my Will is that what house
goods I left on Horse branch in Hanover County be Equally divided between my
two sons John Taylor and Beulah Taylor item I also give to my son Josiah
Taylor after my decease all that is in his possession item I give to my son Abel
Taylor one bed that he has already and a pair of iron Wedges at Thomas
Weatherton item I give to my son in law Thomas Weatherton all the rest
that he has in his hands Lastly I nominate and appoint my son
Josiah Taylor my Executor of this my last will and Testament hereby
revoking all other Wills by me made and acknowledge this to be my
only last Will and Testament given under my hand and seal this 23^d
April 1801 Signed in presence of us

Test Thomas Lee
Joseph Lee

Abraham Taylor
^{his}
mark

State of North Carolina

Jones County Court

Then was the within Will of Abraham Taylor dec^d produced and duly
proved in open Court by the oath of Thomas Lee one of the subsci-
bing witnesses thereto and at the same time Joseph Taylor the Executor
therein named qualified as such ordered that letters Testamentary
issue accordingly