

New Hanover County }
 April Term 1788 }

The within last Will and Testament of
 the late Ann Scham was proved in due form of law by the
 oaths of Arthur, Howard,

Thos. McClaine. Ck

Wilmington District }
 New Hanover County } To wit

George Merrick, and John Abliu Campbell deposes,
 both of New Hanover, severally and each for himself maketh
 oath, that on Friday the twenty third day of May last, they
 were at the house of Captain James Spicer, of the said county,
 then lying sick, on his death bed; and that in their presence the
 said James Spicer, did declare to his wife in what manner, he
 intended to leave his affairs, and to the best of the remembrance
 of these deponents, and as they understood the said James Spicer,
 he the said James directed, that his wife, his father, and his
 brother, John should transact, all matters relating to his estate
 which he left to be equally divided between his wife & daughter,
 and he further directed the negroes to be valued as well as all
 his other estate, and that the negroes he got by his wife to be
 allotted to her, as part of her share or proportion; but each lot of
 negroes to be made equal in value, out of his other property
 which was also directed to be valued, and these deponents
 further say that the said James Spicer, departed this life early
 the following morning before day light appeared, and for the
 these deponents say not.

Sworn to by George Merrick,
 & John Abampbell in open Court
 John Huske. Ck

Geo. Merrick
 John Abampbell

The above named George Merrick maketh oath that he com-
 mitted the annexed writing to paper, on the twenty third day of
 May last, as the Nuncupative Will of the above named James
 Spicer, deceased.

Sworn to in open Court,
 the 10th day of June 1788

John Huske. C. Ct.

May 23rd. I was present, when Capt. J. Spicer, declared to his wife
 in what manner, he wished to leave his affairs, and to the best of
 my apprehension he directed to have them settled in the manner
 following. He desired that his wife, father, and brother, John

should transact all matters relating to his estate, which he left to be equally divided between his wife and daughter, he directed the negroes to be valued and all his other estate; the negroes he got with his wife should be allotted to her, and his other negroes to his daughter, but each lot to be made equal in value out of his other property, which was also to be valued.

Shewn to in open Court
John Huske. Clk,

Jes. Chenick,

State of North Carolina } Superior Court of Law,
Wilmington District } June Term 1788

8th day of the Term

The Nuncupative Will of Captain James Spicer, late of New Hanover County, was proved in open Court by the affidavits of George Chenick, and John Abbin Humphrell Esquires. Ordered that the said affidavits be sent to the Clerk of the County of New Hanover, who is ordered to record the same and to proceed therein in manner directed by law.

A true copy from the records

John Huske. Clk

In the name of God Amen. I, John Simpson of New Hanover County and the State of North Carolina, being very weak, of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God; calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, principally, and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a christianlike manner, at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again at the general resurrection. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose thereof as follows in the following manner, and force.

I give and bequeath to my son Charles Simpson the land and plantation whereon I now live containing three hundred and twenty acres, be the same more or less, to him and his heirs forever. I also give, ^{bequeath} to my said son Charles Simpson four negro slaves, that is to say, one negro man named York, one negro boy named Haratunes, one negro woman named Dinah and one negro girl named Rachel, they and their increase to him and his heirs forever. Likewise I give and bequeath to my said son Charles Simpson all my stock of cattle, horses, hogs and sheep, together with the one half of my household furniture, to him and his heirs forever.