

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. } Gen. Merick

State of North Carolina } Superior Court of Law,
Wilmington District } June Term 1788
8th day of the Term

The manumitted Will of Captain James Spicer, late of New Hanover County was proved in open Court by the affidavits of George Merick and John Ablin Campbell 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 Christian like 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 in the following manner, and force.

I give and bequeath to my son Charles Simpson the land and plantation wherupon 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 Harshines, 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.

I give and bequeath to my son Frederick Simpson, four negroes, that is to say, one negro man named byrus, one negro woman named Phillis, one negro girl named Pegg, and one other negro girl named Hannah, they and their issue to him and his heirs forever, also I give and bequeath to my said son Frederick Simpson the remaining half of my household furniture not yet given, to him and his heirs forever. I likewise constitute and appoint my two sons Charles Simpson and Frederick Simpson Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby disallow, revoke & disannul all former Wills and Testaments by me made, ratifying and confirming this and no other, to be my last Will & Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John Simpson as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us

John Jones
James Shaw

John Simpson. (Seal)

New Hanover County }
October Term 1789 }

The within last Will and Testament of the late John Simpson was exhibited in Court and proved in due form of law, by the oath of James Shaw a subscribing witness thereto

Thos. McClaine. Ck

In the name of God Amen. I, Catharine Sellers of New Hanover County, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, on this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord 1789, and in the thirteenth year of our independence make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say, viz.

I give and bequeath unto my son Archibald Sellers all my property, but in case that he dies, Catharine Robinson senior, shall have an equal share of all that I possess, with the rest of my children.

Thereby make and ordain my true and trusty friends William Robinson and Duncan Sellers for my Executors of this my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I the said Catharine Sellers have to this my last Will and Testament