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In the Name of God amen; I Henry Spaenhower Senior of Swain
County in the State of North Carolina, now being sick & weak of body
but yet of sound memory and understanding thanks be given to
God. Do make herein and appoint this my last Will & Testament
at the following manner and form. First I recommend my Soul
into the hand my God and Redeemer Jesus Christ that gave
it and my body unto the earth therein to be buried in a decent
and Christian manner, and as touching things my worldly estate
whereunto it has pleased God to bless me with in this life.

I give devise and dispose of the same at the following manner
and form. First I give and bequeath unto my dear & beloved
wife Elizabeth Spaenhower all my money as well in hand as
otherwise justly due to me for her property & maintenance
during all her life time, she likewise shall have liberty
to choose and take what household furniture she please, for
her own use, and shall have liberty to live in my dwelling
house at Bothany Town as long she lives after my
departure; she likewise shall have my distill with all the
vessels and furniture thereunto belonging and shall have liberty
to sell it off or ^{it out} put to my children if she please, and the
money which can be levied out of the same shall be her
property during all her life time, and after her decease & burial
if there is any estate left behind of her property whatsoever
then it shall be divided in shares alike amongst my two
children Henry Spaenhower & Elizabeth Hauser wife of
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son Nancy Spachover three hundred acres of Deeds land
out of five hundred acres including my old plantation
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where he now lives on being the upper part of the tract
situate lying and being on Barsha by, adjoining to the
land of Werner Spahnower, together with all the rights
privileges and appurtenances in any wise therunto belonging.

I likewise give my said Son Henry Spahnower ninety
four and one quarter of an acre being the half part of one
hundred & eighty eight acres & one quarter of an acre some
time ago taken up in the States office, situate & lying on
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And fourthly as touching my right to my House and
Lott and Barn in Bethany Town consisting in a lease for
upwards forty years time from this time and so likewise
my plantation meadow ground and orchard, and all the right
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dispose of the said demised land Lott N^o 8 in the Town of
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Peter Hauser, for and during the full term & expiration of fifty
eight years or more plainly to be expressed as many years as the
lease for the said devised land & toll aforesaid mentioning made
between Frederick Marshall & Henry Spaenhouwer Junior made
purpose for the said devised land, on condition that the said
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perform each and every article contained in a certain contract
& agreement concerning the maintenance of his said Grand
father and Grand Mother bearing date April the 28th 1786
untill the departure and decease of his said Grand father and
Grand Mother, then the said Joseph Hauser shall & may use
occupy and enjoy the said toll buildings and land orchards
and meadows ground peaceably quietly as his property during the
term of the lease above mentioned, yielding and paying unto
Frederick Marshall the yearly rent in the said lease set
out and contained, and after the departure of his said Grand father
the said Joseph Hauser shall be obliged soon after my decease
to pay unto my son Henry Spaenhouwer junior the sum of fifty
pounds in good money. And sixthly it is my Will and order
that all my debts and funeral expences shall be paid of out of
my estate, and on the other side all my debts justly due to
me shall be demanded in by my heirs nominated & appointed
executors. Seventhly it is my will and order that my beloved
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possession of all my plantation utensils, hoes, hoes, pickaxes &c.
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83) case she should be in want for any thing. Smoothly it is my
will and order that my apprentice girl an orphan of Michael
Keller deceased named Susannah Keller being bound to me upon
her age of 18 years by indenture, after my decease shall be
under the command and dominion of my beloved wife Elizabeth
Spaenbower or her assigns: And rightly it is my will and
order that Peter Hauser & my son Henry Spaenbower
shall and are hereby nominated and appointed to be the
Executors of this my last will & Testament: Revoking and
annulling all other and former wills & Testaments I have made
whosoever. Ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my
last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have to these
presentes set my hand and affixed my seal this second day of
July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred &
eighty six. — Henry Spaenbower

Signed sealed pronounced &
declared in the presence of
George Hauser

Henry Shore } Jurors
Samuel Stroop }

North Carolina, Surry County November term 1788
Henry Shore & Samuel Stroop two of the subscribing witnesses
to the foregoing last will & Testament of Henry Spaenbower;
made oath that they saw the said Henry Spaenbower sign
publish & declare the same to be his last will & Testament,
that he was of sound disposing mind & memory; And at the
same time they saw George Hauser sign the same as
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H. J. Williams etc