

In the name of God Amen the nineteenth day of February
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty five one
I William Spencer of James Island in Bulky County Planter
Being Sick & weak in body but of Perfect mind & memory thanks
be given unto God therefor Calling to mind the mortality of my
Body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do
make & ordain this my last will & Testament that is to say Principally
and first of all I Give & Recommend my Soul into the hands
of God that gave it and my Body I Recommend to the
Earth to be buried in a Decent Christian Burial at the
discretion of my Exors nothing Doubting but at General Resurre-
ction I Shall Receive the same again by the Almighty
Power of God and as Touching Such Wholly Estate & wherein
it hath Pleased God to bless me with in this life I Give
& Dispose of the same in the following manner & form
Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Beloved wife Sarah
Spencer one negro man named Robin and a girl named Follower
& all the Cattle and Sheep of her mark her Riding horse her bed
and furniture two Cedar Chests her Poultry Store I Leave her
the use of a Room in the Dwelling house during her widowhood
Item I leave her a Wench named Hannah the use of her
during her widowhood or the day of her death which shall be
in Lieu of a Child out Item I Give & Bequeath unto my son
Wm Spencer the plantation whereon I now live & the two Islands
fronting the Sea to him & his heirs of his body Item I Give
and Bequeath unto my son John Spencer Sixty ^{acres} of Land
belonging to the tract that he now lives on to him and the
heirs forever Item my will is that the tract of Land
Containing two hundred Acres Joining to John Stanyards
Land to be sold and pay my debts if any Item my will
is that the Tract of Land Containing two hundred
Acres Joining to Mrs Colles Land to be sold to pay my
debts if any Item my will is that my Personal Estate
shall be Justly Appraised & Equally divided amongst my
Children John Spencer William Spencer Ann Sandiford
Sarah Holmes Item my will is that after my funeral
Charges is paid and my Estate is divided that all my
debts also I Give Eighty pounds Curr to be put out
to Interest for the Support of Poor Children at a
Christian School at the discretion of my Exors
and I Give twenty pounds Currency for the Repairing

of the meeting house on James Island When one wants
for that use and also my will is that if either of
my Children should die without Issue the said share
before Bequeathed shall be divided among the surviving
Children & lastly I do constitute appoint my
Beloved wife Sarah Spencer John Spencer William
Spencer John Sandiford John Holmes to be my
Exors to this my last will & Testament In witness
whereof I have set my hand & seal the day &
year above Written

Jno. Matthews
Mary Samways

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Mary O Vanderwicke
mark

Wm Spencer (S)

This will was Proved before his
Ex^r the Gov^r the 12th April 1751 by the
oath of John Matthews & at the same time John & Wm Spencer
John Holmes three of the named Exors Subscribed

In the name of God Amen the 30th day of Nov^r 1750 I James M^r
Cowan of Williamsburgh in Prince Georges Parish Planter being
very sick and weak in body but of Perfect mind & memory thanks
be given unto God therefor Calling unto mind the mortality of
my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to
die do make & ordain this my last will & Testament that is to say
Principally and first of all I Give & Recommend my Soul
into the hands of God that gave it and my Body I Recommend
to the Earth to be buried in a Decent Christian Burial at the

of my years nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again of the mighty power of God and Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to Bless me in this life I give license & dispose of the same in the following manner of my Imprimis after all my Lawfull debts and funeral Charges is fully paid I order all my Personall Estate & Ready money Every where due to me to be Taken into the Care of my Exors & they or their Executors to see what part or parts of the said Estate and to apply the same for the Christian Education of mine my Infant-Children and when the youngest of them arrives to the age of fifteen years an equal divided to be made amongst them that are then in being & alive and likewise my lands I leave to the Care of my Exors until my son David McCown be at the age of twenty one years of age and then to be Equally divided betwixt my son Thomas McCown David McCown James McCown and likewise I constitute make and ordain William Young Samuel Montgomery and Garret Witherspoon my sole Exors of this my last will & Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow Revoked & Disannul all & Every other former Testaments will Legacies & Bequests & Exors by me in any ways before named Will'd & Bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will & Testam^t in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above Written Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared by the said James McCown as his last will & Testam^t in the Presence of us the Subscribers

Wm King } This will
 Wm Stewart } was Read
 James Gamble } before his Ex^{rs}
 the 17th of April
 1771 & at the same
 James McCown } his
 mark }

Wm Young & Garret Witherspoon two of the Exors Qualified

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Montgomery being weak of Body but Perfect of Memory thanks be to god for all his mercy do make this my last will and Testament Disclaiming any other will or wills and first I leave my Soul to god who gave it hoping he will Receive it through the merits of Christ and as for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be Interred in a decent manner at the discretion of my Exors as to my worldly Estate I leave all my Lawfull Debts to be paid first and unpaid next I leave to my Lawfull and well Belov'd wife Jezebel Montgomery the Plantation I now live on and all my Slaves for her use and the Bringing up of my children During the time that she continues my widow and when she alters her state I give her a horse & Saddle and her bed and an Equal share of my Cows & Calfs & next leave to my Lawfull & well belov'd son Nathaniel Montgomery that two hundred acres of Land I got by Courtesy and money of my father's father in Law will the half of all my Personall Estate Only Reserving to him his one Stock of horses & mares & cattle out of wth Division and my bible hoping he will use it to the Glory of God & the good of his own soul and next I leave to my Lawfull & well belov'd son William Montgomery this tract of Land I now live on with all the houses and Appurtenances with an Equal half of all my Personall Estate only Reserving to him his house & mares & cattle out of the Division and I leave a Cow and Calf to be given to my sisters son William Young of the Stock before Division and a Cow & Calf to be given to Wm Pear in Remembrance of what he has been to me and further I allow & constitute that at my wives Death or Marriage then shall be a Division made agreeable to this my will and I appoint & constitute my Brother Wm Young and my son Nathaniel Montgomery & Samuel Fulton my Exors and to see this my will Executed agreeable
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 If any of my son's lie without an heir his real Estate shall Return to his Brother
 Signed Sealed by me this tenth of November