

MASON SPEARS

In the name of God amen. I Mason, S. ears Planter of Claremont County Sumter District, South Carolina, ~~considering the instability~~ of this mortal life, and being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be almighty God for the same) do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

First I leave a Tract of Land lying on the Hills being a part of the Land which belonged to William Hampton deceased to be sold to pay my Debts. Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Spears one Negro man named Big Jim, one Negro Girl named Lender, also a Bed and furniture and my Riding Chair, and Chair mores named Canada in Liew of her dower to be at her intire disposal either at Mariage or death. Thirdly, I give and bequath to my Daughter Elizabeth Atkinson one Negro Girl named Milla and three hundred dollars to be Levied out of my estate, with the increase of said negro girl. I further give and bequeath to my son Austin Spears two Negro oes named Jacob and Linda and increase. I further give and bequeath to my Daughter Aloaf Spears two Negroes named Anthony and Caty and increase. I further give and bequeath to my my son Richard Hampton ~~Spears~~ two Negroes named Sam and Harriot and increase. I farther give and bequeath to my Daughter Matha Greniry Spears two negroes named Prince and Rina and increase and I also give and bequeath to my son Theodore Mason Spears two Negroes named Admihal and ~~Quaser~~ and increase These Legacees to be taken at marriage or the age of twenty o.e years. But if any of these Negroes should die, before taken into possefsion then the Legatees shall take another out of my Estate near the same value Foubthly I give and bequeath all the rest of my Property real and Personal to remain for the support of my wife and children untill my son Theodore Mason Spears shall arrive at the age of ~~twenty one years~~ eighteen years. at which time all my estate

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Tract of Land mentioned in this Fourth article with improvements, stock, furniture, and three negroes shall return in to my Estate immediately after the marriage or death of my wife to be divided amongst my six children above mentioned by five judicious men as my Executors Shall Choose. And I do hereby appoint Jeremiah Pitts, Austin Spears and Littleton Atkinson Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made in witness where of I have herunto set my hand and seal this twenty eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven and in the thirty fifth year of American Independence

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named Mason Spears to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in presence of the Testator.

The word (Linder) in the eighth line interlined, and the words (twenty one years ) in the twenty sixth line erased before signing

John McDonall )

Mason Spears (SEAL).

David Armstrong ) Witnesses

James Caldwell )

(Recorded in Will Book A page 120)

(Recorded November 6th 1815)

William Taylor Ordry S.D.

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