

Patience Speller - 1738/39 - Bertie Co., NC - Wills

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Last Will and Testament      patience Speller, Bertie Precinct, NC      2-  
3-1738/39

In the name of God amen ye third day of February 1738, I patience Speller of bertie prect in ye county of Albmarl being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto god therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing the its appointed for all of us once to dye do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is so say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into ye hands of god that gave it and my body I recommend to ye earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at ye desecration of my ex nothing doubting but at ye general resurrection I shall receive ye same again by ye mighty power of god and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of ye same in ye following manner and form

imprimis                      I give and bequeath to my son James Swain and his heirs  
my  
Mulatto fellow Sam

Item      I give and bequeath to my dau Patience Ray and her heirs a  
mulatto girl named Sary

Item      I give and bequeath to my dau Ann Ward and her heirs a mulatto  
girl named Beck    my chest of drawers

Item      I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Speller and his heirs a  
mulatto boy named Isaac

I likewise desire that if ye Negro wench which is ye mother of ye  
above mentioned children should ever bare another child that my son  
Richard swains eldest dau should have it

I give and bequeath to my three grand children Sarah Smithwich, John  
Smithwick and Elizabeth Smithwick tow cows and calves to each of  
them

Item      I give and bequeath to my son Richard Swains eldest son William  
Swain a young rone horse called Gackey

I likewise desire that my old Negro wench Sarah should ever live  
among ye family of my children with whom of them she likes best where  
she likes best there she may stay longest but never to go out of ye  
family    I likewise constitute make and ordain my son James Swain and  
my son Thomas Speller my sole executaors of this my last will and  
testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoked and disannul all  
and every other former testaments wills legacies and bequests and  
executors by me in any ways before named last will and testament    In  
witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal ye d and ye  
year above written:

Wit:    Charlton Mizell, Philip Ward

Note: Patience speller was the wf of Stephen swain. She md henry  
speller following Stephen swain's death in 1712/13

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