Item my will and desire is that my Executor shall sell my Land and all my Personal Estate and pay of all my Just Debts and what remains after my Just debts are discharged my Will is Should be Equally devided among all my Children ——— and Ultimately I constitute ordain & appoint my Brother Richard Speake Sole and whole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament and having the utmost Confidence in the honesty and integrity of my Brother Richard I desire that he should make such Division of that part of my Estate (which remains after my Just debts are paid) as he shall think Equal among my Children when they arive at the age of Eighteen, avoiding an appraisement of the said personal property & any other Expence which might ensue thereon upon an Inventory being Returned in the Commissary Office where I never desire that any Cognizance may be taken of any Effects of mine —

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixt my Seal this thirtieth day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy five —

Signed Sealed published & declared to be the last Will and Testament of the Testator in presence of us ——— } John Speake (Seal)

Heabird Smallwood
Benjamin Benson
Robert Taylor ——
——— } On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz^t —

Charles County ss. 14th Nov.r 1775, Then came Richard Speake and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of Writing is the true and Whole Will and Testament of John Speake late of said County deceased that hath come to his hands or possession and that he doth not know of any other

Certified by Dan Jenifer DC —

And the same day came Heabird Smallwood and Robt. Taylor two Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John Speake late of said County deed and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did See the Testator therein Named Sign and Seal this Will, and that they heard him publish pronounce and Declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of Sound & disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively (together with Benjamin Benson) Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence of the Testator and at his Request and in the presence of each other. —

Certified by. Dan Jenifer DC.

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In the name of God Amen this 2d day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy five ——
I Alexander McPherson Planter of Charles County being perfectly in my Senses do make this my Last Will and Testament in in manner and form following Viz^t.
Imprimis I give & bequeath unto my beloved Son Walter McPherson two

(Negroes)

Negroes a Boy named Georg and a Girl Rachel Also a Sorrel Mare —
Item I bequeath unto my beloved daughter Chloe McPherson the following Negroes a man named Peter a Woman Betty a boy Tom and a child Letty also two feather Beads with Beadsteads Cords Matts covering and every thing thereto belonging three cows & Calves ten head of Sheep a black horse called ——— a sorrel horse called Spark and half the hogs. —
Item I bequeath unto my beloved daughter Anna McPherson the following Negroes a Man called Harry a Girl Jane & a boy Jack also two feather Beads with Beadsteads, Cords, Mats, covering & every thing thereto belonging also three cows and Calves ten head of Sheep half the hogs my riding horse Darby and a black colt called Roger —
Item I bequeath unto my beloved Son Samuel McPherson part of two Tracts of Land one called Comfort containing Seventy five acres the other Saint Mathews one hundred Acres I give the aforesaid Tracts of Land to him his heirs or assigns forever my intent and Meaning is that he shall not Enjoy any part of the said Land till my two daughters Chloe and Anna shall marry or die that they my said Daughters shall have my dwelling house and all my Land as long as they live Single but if either of them Marry the other shall hold it along till she marries or dies then to become the property of my Son Samuel as aforesaid. I also give to the Care of my Daughter Anna a Negro Woman named Cate for the use of my Son Samuel She is to keep the said Cate four Years paying Samuel Eight hundred pounds of Crop tobacco Yearly & every Year and at the Expiration of four years to Deliver her up to Samuel. I also give to the Care of my daughter Chloe a Negro Girl called Mirr for which she is to pay my Son Samuel three hundred pounds of Crop Tobacco Yearly & every Year for four Years and at the end of that time to deliver the said Mirr to to Samuel but if either of the said Negroes shall die before the Expiration of four Years then shall my Daughters Chloe and Anna pay only for the time they had them. All the rest of my Estate to be Enjoyed by Chloe and Anna for four Years and at the End of that time to be Equally Devided between Chloe Anna & Samuel Except the two largest Oxen to be Sold to pay my Debts. I Also give to my Son Samuel one black horse called Mankin ——— I make & ordain my Son Walter & Daughter Chloe Executors of this my Last Will and Testament & Testament. In Witness whereof I have set my hand & Seal the Day & Year above Written —

Signed Sealed and pronounced in presence of us. } Alex.r McPherson (Seal)

Bennet his + mark Mudd
Anna her + mark Mudd
Will McPherson Jun.r } On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz^t

Charles County ss. On the 30th of Nov.r 1775 —

Then came Walter McPherson and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within is the true and whole Last Will and Testament of Alexander McPherson late of Charles County deceased that hath come to their hands or possession and that they do not know of any other —

Certified by Dan.l Jenifer DC.

Charles County ss. 30th Nov.r 1775 — Then came Bennet Mudd, Ann Mudd and Will.m McPherson the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Alexander McPherson late of Charles County deed and Severally made Oath

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