

Will, NC, Anson, Charles Sparks 1798

In the name of God Amen.

I **CHARLES SPARKS** of Anson county and state of North Carolina, being sick, but a perfect hand sound memory thanks be to almighty God, calling to mind the mortality of my flesh and knowing it is appointed for all men to die do make & ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave to me, and my body I give and recommend to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but after general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly Goods with which it hath pleased almighty God to bless me in this life, I give demise bequeath and dispose of them in the form and manner following.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath to my well-beloved wife **JANE SPARKS** all the services of a negro girl named PRISCILLA, now living at **WILLIAM LYONS**, till she is arrived at the age of 21 years, and then to be sold and the money thence arising to be equally divided amongst my three younger children **JOHN SPARKS**, **NANCY SPARKS**, and **JAMES SPARKS**.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my daughter **SARAH LYONS**, my daughter **POLLY TOMPKINS**, my daughter **SUSANNA SMITH**, my son **THOMAS SPARKS**, my son **WILLIAM SPARKS**, my son **DANIEL SPARKS**, and my daughter **ELIZABETH SPARKS** to each the sum of 5 Shillings current money of North Carolina.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my wife, **JANE SPARKS**, all and singular the residue of my estate, goods and chattels in any wise to me belonging or pertaining to enable her to live and raise her three children with which I leave her, the said residue, after all lawful demands against my state shall be duly settled, off adjusted, to be at her own disposal and she to be only sole claimant, possessor, lawful owner, and proprietress.

And I do hereby utterly disannul, abrogate, invalidate, and make void all and every will, legacy, gift and bequest, buy me in any wise willed, legated, given, or bequeathed, named or nominated, ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th of May 1797 and in the 21st year of American independence.

CHARLES SPARKS {seal, his C mark}

Signed Sealed Delivered and acknowledged in the presence of

[J.] ROBINSON

JOHN MCRAE
DUNCAN MCRAE {his X mark}

Tammy R McRae his x mark

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Send this will was duly approved in open court by the oath of **JOHN MCRAE** a witness there too and ordered to be recorded

Test

WILLIAM JOHNSON Clerk

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