

James Espie's
Will

In the name of God Amen

I James Espie, being in good & strength
of mind & understanding & memory do constitute this my last will
and testament in presence of I Request my soul to go and
my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discre-
tion of my Executors hereinafter named

Item I Give and bequeath to my son William Espie
two hundred and twenty five acres of land of the East end of that tract
of land on Beards branch to extend South two
hundred and twenty five square acres said tract for the quan-
tity also a Negro Girl named Nice about ten
years old to his wife Cynthia during his
natural life and at his death to go to his
oldest daughter, also a Horse and two Cows -

Item I Give and bequeath to my son George Espie
the half of that tract on which I used to
live with the improvement on the south side
of the creek with a Horse saddle and

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bridle and two Cows and Calves

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Robert Espie the tract of Land on which I now live with all the pertinencies thereto belonging with a horse, saddle & bridle and two Cows and Calves

Item. I give with and bequeath to my beloved daughter Polly Coville forty dollars

Item. I also give with and bequeath to my loving daughter Rebecca Goodloe forty dollars

Item. I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Cathy Espie the other part of that tract of land that my son George is to have in Summer agreeable to survey is two hundred and forty acres but each is to have an equal number of acres to be her during her natural life then to her child - or children if any, if none to the next of kin in blood to be equally divided amongs them, also two Cows & Calves and horse & saddle also Bed Furniture

Item. My loving daughter Polly Espie I will and bequeath two hundred and forty acres of that tract of land where Isaac Poyj lives, and Heart's Spring branch with the improvement - to damage the tract as little as possible also a horse, saddle, and bridle and two Cows and Calves and Bed and Furniture the land to belong to her bodily heirs at her death if none, equally divided between them the next of kin in blood to her

Item. I will and bequeath my loving daughter Margret Young one dollar

Item. My son in law Francis Young I will and

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237) bequeath the dollar —

Item - I will and bequeath to my Grand son James
 Carr Bradshaw One Hundred and twenty acres of land
 + out of that tract in State branch —

Item - The remaining part of that ~~part~~ tract of
 land to my son William Espie's oldest son if
 any; if none to his oldest daughter also my
 three all my stills and giving the other two
 stills to my two other sons George and Robert Espie
 the two stills and giving —

Item - Also my loving wife Cathy Espie to have a
 horse, saddle and bridle, Goose and and furniture
 with good clothing and to be kept quietly &
 to have choice of the negroes of the Negroes during
 her natural life & at her death to be at her
 disposal & to live with one of her children at
 her own choice — also if that negro dies to
 be kept in one by my four youngest children
 to wit, George, Robert, Cathy and Sally Espie —

Item - I wish my children that now with me
 to be well educated to read and write well
 and the copy to Cyphus as far as the Rule
 of three and the expenses of their schooling
 to be paid out of my lands or other
 or elsewhere that is not otherwise dispo-
 - sed of. —

Item - The remaining part of my

Negroes to be divided as followeth. my two 238
 daughters to wit Leah and Sally Espie is to have
 one Gosa Negro a piece, the remainder to be
 equally divided between my two sons George
 & Robert Espie - The rest and residue of
 my Estate of what kind soever, after the
 payment of the above legacy, my funeral
 charges and Just debts I give and bequeath
 to my three sons, two daughters hereby men-
 tioned, that is to say William George Robert
Leah Sally Espie to be equally divided share
 and share alike only my daughter in law
 + Cynthia Espie is to have a complete drop from
 her ad to get - lastly I do hereby constitute
 my truly and well beloved friend Nathaniel
 Overale, Henry Riddle and William Espie
 executors of my Estate, Will & Testament,
 Revoking & annulling all other wills hitherto
 fore made by me and Ratifying & Confer-
 ming this. In witness whereof I have
 to set my hand this 24th of December
 1811. Signed Sealed and acknowledged in
 presence of us -

J. Pasay
 Isaac H. Overale
 James Espie Seal

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