

Will of Elizabeth Spruill 7 April 1787 - proved 17 Feb 1788 Bertie Co, NC

---the name of God Amen The seventh Day of April -The Year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred --- Eighty seven

I Elisabeth Sprewell of Bertie County - the province of North Carolina being poorly and weak in the body but of perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die do make ordain Constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following that is to say first and principally I command my soul to God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner by my Executors hereafter named and as touching my worldly goods I give and dispose of in manner & form following My will and desire is that my funeral charges together with all my just Debts be first paid

~ Item I give and bequeath to Frederick Lawrence one negroe Fellow called Abel I say to him and his Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to Williamson Lawrence one negroe boy called Aron I say to him and his Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to Robert Lawrence the son of John Lawrence one negroe Fellow called George but if his father John Lawrence should stand in need of him in his life time he is to have him but after his decease he is to return to his son Robert, I say to him and his Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to my Brother Robert Lawrence and Sarah Hardon one negroe boy called Charles I say to them and their Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to Samuel Sprewell one negroe Fellow called Pomp I say to him and his Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to Elisabeth Lawrence the daughter of John Lawrence Junr & Robert Lawrence (his) father one bed & furniture, I say to her and her Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to John Lawrence Jun one old chest & Table I say to him and his Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to Sarah Morriss one bedstead and furniture, I say to her and her Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to Ann Cullifer one small bed bedstead and furniture I say to her and her Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to Joanna Weston one bed bedstead and furniture, I say to her and her Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to Elisabeth Lawrence the daughter of John Lawrence Senr one set tea cups & sausers, six silver spoons, I say to her and her Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to William Lawrence two cows & calves, two ewes & lambs, I say to him and his Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Lawrence on negroe boy called Sam I say to him and his Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to George Lawrence half Dozen plates and one Dish, I say to him and his Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to Nancy Lawrence the daughter of John Lawrence Senr six pewter plates one dish, one bason, I say to her and her Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to William Cobb five head of Cattle Eight sheep for to divide between himself, Martha Barna Castilow Mary Williams and Ann Cullifer, I say to them and their Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to Asa Lawrence one Large & best Chest I own, I say to him and his Heirs forever

~ Item I give and bequeath to my sister Martha Parker my largest trunk and all within it, I say to her and her Heirs forever

~ Item I also leave my negro Woman Chloe free only she shall live among my Relations where she pleases

~ Item I give and bequeath to my two Brothers and Sister to wit Robert Lawrence, John Lawrence & Martha Parker all the Articles unmentioned in the will Equally to be Divided betwixt them I say to them and their Heirs forever . . .

~ Lastly I nominate, Ordain, Constitute, and appoint my two Cousins, Thomas Lawrence and Fredrick Lawrence Executors to this my Last Will and Testament to Execute and full fill the same according to law in Witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and Seal day and date above Written Elisabeth (X) Sprewell (Seal)

Signed Seald pronounced and Declared in the presents of

Asa Lawrence; Constant Redditt; George Nicholls