

August 5, 1718

In the name of God amen I **GODFREY SPRUILL** living in North Carolina in the Province of Albermarle being in health of body and sound of memory but considering of family of mankind do make and ordain this my last will and testament in a form following. I give and bequeath my soul unto the hand of god that gave it me and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in a Christian decent manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named not doubting (but ??? of our Savior Jesus Christ). I shall enjoy a joyful resurrection and as to my temporal estate it hath pleased you to bless me with my funeral expenses and all my just debts being paid I give and bequeath in manner and form following that is to say first, I give and bequeath to my son **SAMUEL SPRUILL** a parcel of property estimation three hundred and fifty acres more or less bounded as followeth lying at a Cypress near the eastern end of the ? Branch and running thence to a tiny thicket and forming the end of the aforesaid Branch to the first outlet and along the outer Branch southerly to Great Swamp and along the Branch westerly to the end of the Buntings? along the said ?? mouth thereof and along the bay easterly to the first station to him and his heirs for ever; aforesaid land being that whereon he now lives. I give and bequeath to my son **GODFREY SPRUILL** three hundred fifty acres of more or less bounded as followeth being at a marked Cypress at the east end of the south banks his brother Samuel's corner free and so running eastwardly to the Clay point to a corner tree in ?? and so running from there thence southerly to a line of marked trees to the round about branch and at round about branch to a White Ashe next to the Great Swamp and along the Great Swamp to his brother Samuel's line to the first station to him and his heirs for ever and also one Negro woman named Jenny. I give to my son **JOSEPH SPRUILL** that plantation whereon I now live with all the rest of the land in the neck and also a parcel of land estimation fifty acres more or less bounding on a Cypress branch westerly of the ??? ??? land a line of marked trees westwardly of the aforesaid branch to a ??? ??? from thence various courses to the first station and one Negro man named L? and one Negro man named Dolphin with all my ??? and hogs to him and his heirs for ever. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law **CUTHBERT PHELPS** and my daughter **SUSANNAH** his wife a certain tract of land of estimation three hundred acres more or less and is boundeth as followeth beginning at marked White ??? at the Back Creek's mounth and running up the Swamp to a branch eastward to Rich Level Land and along the branch to a line of marked trees ??? ??? ??? and along that line of marked trees to River ??? and from there to the first station to him and his heirs for ever. I giveto my daughter **SUSANNAH** a gold ring of twenty shills price. I give to my daughter **ANNA MARGARITTA** a gold ring of twenty shills price. I give to my daughter **MARY** a gold ring of twenty shills price. I give to my grandson **BUTTONHEAD BOUTWELL** six hundred acres of land purchased by me as appearing upon record lying in the fork of Pamlico River to be to him and his heirs for ever but in default of his I give to **SAMUEL** and his heirs and in default to **ELIZABETH BOUTWELL** and her heirs and on default of her I give to my grandson **GODFREY SPRUILL** son of **SAMUEL** and **ELIZABETH SPRUILL** to him and his heirs for ever. I nominate and appoint my son **JOSEPH SPRUILL** my sole and only executor of this will and testament hereby revoking all other wills of me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this as my last will and testament. Witness whereof I have here to set my hand and seal this 5 day of August 1718.

Sealed in the presence of Godfrey Spruill

James Singleton

Henry Norman

Ann Davenport

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