

Will of Samuel William Spruill

In the name of God amen the nineteenth day of August in the year of our lord one thousand and seven hundred and sixty I **SAMUEL SPRUILL SENIOR** of Tyrrell county of North Carolina being very sick and weak but in perfect mine and memory thanks be unto God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die doe make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say Principally and first of all I give and recommend by soul into the hands of God and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting by the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of almighty God and as touching such worldly estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give dismiss and dispose of the same in following manner of form.

**ITEM.** I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my beloved daughter **MARY WHITE** deceased one shilling sterling money.

**ITEM.** I give and bequeath unto my son **SAMUEL SPRUILL** one plantation with one hundred and twenty acres of land known by the name of Francis Johnsons to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

**ITEM.** I give until my beloved son **JOSEPH SPRUILL** one hundred acres of land more or less bound thus beginning at a Poplar a corner fence at the head of the Cypress Swamp thence a line of marked trees ??? south east and by south to Poplar thence by a line of marked trees to a gum in Normons line and on said line to the Cypress Swamp thence up the Swamp and its various windings to the first station unto him his heirs and assigns for ever. Also one Negro boy ??? by name and one third part of the orchard at the Manner Plantation for seven years provided he shall assist equally in keeping it in good repair.

**ITEM.** I leave my beloved daughter **JOANNA BLOUNT** the use and ??? of three Negroes during her natural life named Ruth Venus and London and after her decease to be equally divided among the heirs of her body but if her present husband **JACOB BLOUNT** doth commence any lawsuit or doing ??? in law in relation of the above Negroes thence I give the above said Negroes Ruth Venus and London to my son **JOSEPH SPRUILL** and his heirs for ever.

**ITEM.** I give unto my beloved daughter **JOANNA BLOUNT** one shilling sterling.

**ITEM.** I give unto my beloved grandson **JOHN SPRUILL** one hundred and fifteen acres of land more or less it being part of the land his father lived on and all that part on the west or south side of the Boxen? Swamp to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

**ITEM.** I give unto my grandson **EVAN SPRUILL** one hundred and fifteen acres of land more or less it being the other part of the land whence his father lived all that part on the north east side of the Boxen Swamp to him his heirs and assigns for ever. Likewise one hundred acres of land at the south fork binding on my son **JOSEPH** line to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

**ITEM.** I give unto my son **JOSEPH SPRUILL** one hundred acres of land know by the name of Jacob Hand? in the south fork to him his heirs and assigns for ever. Also one Negro Mullato man named Sam.

**ITEM.** I leave my beloved wife **MARY SPRUILL** the use and occupation of the house and plantation whereon I now live and timber for the use of the same and after her decease or widowhood then I give the Manner Plantation with one hundred and twenty

five acres of land there unto belonging to the same more or less unto my son **JEREMIAH SPRUILL** to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever also I give unto **JEREMIAH SPRUILL** one

Mulatto or Negro boy named Mosse also one Negro boy named Sampson.

**ITEM.** I give unto my beloved son **NEHEMIAH SPRUILL** one hundred acres of land on the sound known by the name of the Sand Banks and one Plantation with two hundred and thirty acres of land know by the name of ??? to him his heirs and assigns for ever also all the cattle belonging to the South Land Plantation and also one Negro woman named Abigale to him and his heirs for ever also one bed and furniture there unto belonging also one small chest with a lock and key to it known by mother's chest. I give unto the heirs of my daughter **ELIZABETH CASWELL** deceased shilling sterling money.

**ITEM.** I give unto my daughter **JEMIMA GARRETT** one Negro man named ??? in her possession and one cow and calf or twenty five shilling in money to her and her heirs for ever.

**ITEM.** I give unto the heirs of my daughter **ZILPAH HOOKER** deceased one shilling sterling money also I give unto my granddaughter **ELIZABETH HOOKER** one gold ring with a stone in it.

**ITEM.** I give unto my beloved wife **MARY SPRUILL** during her widowhood one Mulatto man named Able and one Negro girl named Jenny and a bill for money due from **MARY SPRUILL** widow of twenty pounds bearing date seventeen hundred and sixty and one mair

named Bonney and one horse named Jack and my riding ??? saddle, and bridle together with six cows and calves and four of the largest steers and ten sows and pigs and ten hogs of a year old

and the bed where on I now lie and the furniture thereunto belonging and the bed where on the girls doth lie and the furniture belong to it and three dishes three basons and six plates and four bowls and all the peuter that was hers in her widowhood and one large chest know the name of father's chest and a small chest that was bought of Springs one box jam and heaters and the ??? wheel that ??? hath made and the two lining wheels and six chairs and the cards belonging to the wheel and five curs and all the cotton wool and flax for my wife **MARY SPRUILL** to use

and five hogsheads her choice and one third part of the orchard and I give to **JEREMIAH SPRUILL** one third part of the orchard if he helps to keep it in repair. Also I give to my wife **MARY SPRUILL** all the cattle over the Bay and if my wife **MARY SPRUILL** deceases or marries then the above items to be taken in the hands of my executors for the use of my two small children **JAMES** and **ZILPAH SPRUILL**.

**ITEM.** I give unto my son **NEHEMIAH SPRUILL** one bill for money of twenty pounds due from **MARY SPRUILL** widow bearing date seventeen hundred sixty three also I give unto my son **JOSEPH SPRUILL** one bill for money due from **MARY SPRUILL** widow bearing date seventeen hundred six one and one brass kettle. and if any lawsuite should be comminst against my estate after my decease these four which is above mentioned that is to say my wife **MARY SPRUILL** my son **JEREMIAH SPRUILL** my son **NEHEMIAH SPRUILL** and my son **JOSEPH SPRUILL** which hath a bill left them of twenty pounds a piece shall equally bare the cost of the said lawsuite and if either of them refuse to pay an equal cost of such lawsuite then the bill of

twenty pounds which is left them shall refund back to my executors to bare the cost of such lawsuit.

**ITEM.** I give unto my son **JOSEPH SPRUILL** one Negro boy named Ben during his natural life and after his decease then I give the boy named Ben unto my grandson **THOMAS SPRUILL** to his heirs and assigns for ever and also I give to **THOMAS SPRUILL** one cow calf.

**ITEM.** I give to my son **JEREMIAH SPRUILL** one mair named Flower and one young horse named Lightfoot and one horse named Jack and all the remainder part of the cattle belonging to the Manner Plantation.

And all the remaining part of my estate I leave to be divided between my two sons **JEREMIAH** and **NEHEMIAH** equally and I do constitute make and ordain my two sons **SAMUEL SPRUILL** and **JOSEPH SPRUILL** executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby disanul revoke and disallow all other testaments wills legacys bequeaths and executors by me in any ??? named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness where of the I said **SAMUEL SPRUILL SENIOR** have hereunto let my hand and seal the day and year fixed above written

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said **SAMUEL SPRUILL SENIOR** as his last will and testament in the presence of the subscribers

**Tabitha (her mark) Edwards SAMUEL SPRUILL**

**Nathan Mieavs?**

**William Edwards**