

Will of Simeon Spruill

In the name of God amen this second day of January seventeen hundred and ninety six I SIMEON SPRUILL of Tyrrell County of State of North Carolina Planter being very sick and weak but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God, therefore calling to mind the mortality of any body of knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I dispose of in the manner and form following ???

I give will and bequeath to my beloved son HEZEKIAH SPRUILL the plantation whereon I now live with land belonging to the same containing one hundred and forty acres be the same more or less bounded beginning at a Sweet Gum on the edge of the Swamp and running along a line of marked trees to the back line of my land to a Beach in ISAIAH COLLIN'S line then bounding on his line to JOHN ANSLY'S line then on the line of SOLOMON ANSLY'S land as was to JOHN ANSLY'S and then one his line to the first station to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM. I give will and bequeath to my beloved grandson SIMEON SPRUILL the plantation where on my son EDWARD SPRUILL lived with sixty acres of land be the same more or less beginning at a Sweet Gum my son HEZEKIAH SPRUILL'S corner running along the said line of marked trees to ISAIAH COLLIN'S line to a Beach corner my son's then bounding COLLIN'S line to JOHN BATEMAN'S then bounding on said BATEMAN'S line and other to the first station but if he shall decease before he arrives to the age of twenty one years or without an lawful heir begotten of his body then to be equally among my children divided their heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM. I give will and bequeath unto my beloved children JOANNA TARKINTON SARAH SPRUILL MARY SPRUILL HEZEKIAH SPRUILL and ZILPAH SPRUILL all the remaining part of my estate to be equally divided amongst them their heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly I make will constitutate and ordain my beloved friend CAPT. JOHN ANSLEY and my beloved son-in-law ZEBULON TARKINTON my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament disannulling all other wills in any ways before named ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto let and put my hand and seal the day and date above written.

Signed sealed published and declared as my last will and testament in presence of us

SAMUEL SPRUILL SENIOR  
JAMES (his mark) HOUGHTON  
J(?) PHELPS

SIMEON SPRUILL