

John Sparkman's will (North Carolina Wills 1663-1789 Volume XXIX, page 6y7
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In the name of God Amen the 19th day of April in the year of our Lord 1728. John Saprkman Senior of Chowan Precinct. Being sick and week in body but of sound and perfect memory, praise be to God for the same, and knowing the uncertainty of this life on earth and being desirous to settle things in oprder, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is tto say first and principlaly I comend my Soul to Almighty God, beleiving that I shall receive pardon for all my sins and be saved through the precious death of my blessed Savior, Christ Jesus and my body to the earth from which it was taken and as touching such worldly estate as the Lord in his mercy hath lent me, my will and meaning in the same shall be employed and bestowed as near after as this my will is expressed, and first I don revoke, renounce, frustrate and make voide all wills by me formerly and declare and apoint this my last will and testament.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Sun JOHN SPARKMAN- Sun John the one half of a certain piece opf land lying and being upon the likin Root branch, purchased of Henry Hakley being fifty acors be the same more or less.

Item, I will to give and bequeath unto my grandson STEPHEN SPARKMAN the sun of THOMAS SPARKMAN the other half of said pasell of land aforementioned being fifty acors of the same more or less as the line all redy marked between them to them and their heirs lawfully begoten of their bodies forever.

I also give to my Sun JAMES, Sun JAMES SPARKMAN all the cattle and hogs of the mark that I gave to my Sun James Sparkman and their increase.

I also give to my Sun JOHN SPARKMAN one cow and calf.

I also leave to my Sun RICHARD SPARKMAN two cows and calves and all the hogs that was comonly cald his and I also give to my Sun WILLIAM and my daughter SARAH and my daughter MARY, two cows and calves apiece and that my sun WILLIAM shall have all the hogs that was cald his.

I do apoint and ordain my Sun JOHN SPARKMAN and John Green as Executors and after all debts being paid, I give unto my Suns and daughters RICHARD and WILLIAM and SARAH and MARY SPARKMAN all my moveable estate, to be equally devided amonst them, all as witness my hand ye day above.

JOHN SPARKMAN

Chowan Precinct October Court, 1728

Testators

JOHN WIGGINS

JOHN THORNE
JOHN GREEN