

Will of Joseph Spruill, Sr.

In the name of God Amen August the second day in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty I **Joseph SPRUILL Senr** of Tyrrell County in the Province of North Carolina, being in perfect health mind and memory thanks be unto almighty God and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and the mortallity 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

First and principally I give and recommend my soul into the hand of God that gave it and my body I commit to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the day of Resurection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such a ??? Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of in the following manner

I lend unto my beloved wife **Mary** all my estate together with all my household goods and ??? and all and singular all my land and tenaments freely to be possessed and enjoyed by her during her

natural lives containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less bounded thus begining at a gum in a valley on ??? side of the plantation runing thence up the small swamp to a gum standing on the side of the swamp westerly by a line of north trees to a corner tree thence by a line of marked trees south to the head then along the said line and to a branch called the Cypress Swamp Line thence down the said ??? and to the first station to the use benefit and behoof of my son **Godfree** during his natural life at whose death I give the aforesaid parcel of land to be divided between his too sons **Godfree** and **Thomas** in the following manner.

First I give to my grandson **Godfree** the plantation part with sev? acres of land begining at a gum on the east of a branch that runs through the plantation then ??? line of marked trees to the head line the other part I give unto my grandson **Thomas** unto them **Godfree** and **Thomas** and the heirs of their body lawfully begotten. I likewise give unto my son **Godfree SPRUILL** all my shoemaker tools.

I give and bequeath unto my son **Joseph SPRUILL** my cooper tools

I give unto my beloved son **Joshua SPRUILL** one young cow and calf and my hunting gunn

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son **Hezekiah SPRUILL** a certain parcel of land known by the name of the Roundabout and bounded all round by the Roundabout branch containing fifty acres

more or less unto him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body for ever. But in case my son **Hezekiah** should die leaving no such heir then unto my son **Benjamin SPRUILL** and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten and I give unto my son **Hezekiah** one young cow and calf and one feather bed

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son **Benjamin SPRUILL** the manour Plantation whereon I now live the live thereunto belonging begining on the Sound at ??? point thence by a line of marked trees to a wh?? the Roundabout Branch a corner tree thence down said branch to a gum thence on **Joshua SPRUILL** line to a corner near the water thence up the sound to the first ??????????????

unto him and the heirs of body lawfully begotten for ever but provided my son **Benjamin** should die without lawfull issue then the aforesaid manour and percil of land to revert to my son **Hezekiah** and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever.

I give unto my beloved daughter **Joannah CHESSON** one dollar

I give unto my beloved daughter **Keziah CHESSON** one dollar

I give unto my beloved daughter **Mary SPRUILL** one dollar

I give unto my beloved daughter **Zilpah SPRUILL** one cow and calf and one feather bed

I give unto my beloved daughter **Ann SWAIN** one feather bed

I give unto my beloved daughter **Tabitha SPRUILL** one cow and calf one two year old hiefer and one feather bed.

I give unto my beloved son **Benjamin SPRUILL** (whome I appoint constitute and ordain Executor of this my last will and testament) all my household goods debts stock goods and chattel which I have not heretofore given by him to be freely possessed and enjoyed for ever and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments wills legacys

bequeaths and Executors by me in any vise before named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness thereof the said **Joseph**

SPRUILL Senr have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year before written.

JOSEPH SPRUILL SENR

Signed sealed published pronounced}
and declar'd by the said **Joseph SPRUILL**}
as his last will and testament}
in the presence of the subscribers}

S? HOOKER
RICHARD CHAPMAN
JOANNAH (her J mark) CHAPMAN