

Spragens
Thomas
Will

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Spragens of the County
of Halifax and Parish of Antum being sick and weak in my last will and Testament
in manner and form following Viz I give and bequeath unto Jesus Christ
my soul which I believe he has redeemed & my body I commit to the
Earth, in hopes of a joyfull resurrection at the last day, As for my
Temporal affairs as God has been pleased to bless me with. I give as follows

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Melchizedek Spragens that tract
of Land which he now lives on containing five hundred and twenty five
Acres more or less Beginning at the mouth of Catawba Creek thence
up Newton River Halifax County, Virginia Wills 1792-1798
www.virginiapioneers.com thence to Elijah Hunsdons thence along
his line and above to the line of the Land of Spragens purchased of Thomas
Richardson thence along the said line to a corner Red Oak in a Bottom
thence along a marked line to Catawba Creek above the mouth of the Rocky
Branch, thence down the said creek as it meanders to the beginning. All
two Negroes to wit York & Lancaster.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Melchizedek Spragens that Tract
of Land lying on both sides of Catawba Creek on which Edmund Turner
now lives containing Six hundred and forty Acres more or less in the same
as follows Beginning at the mouth of the Rock Branch, thence up the said
Branch as it meanders to the mouth of John Richardsons Spring Branch

thence up the same to said Richardson line. thence with his line & Daniel
Richardson line looping Calais Creek to Phileas Vaughan line
thence with his line thence with his line to Noelle branch thence down
the said Branch as it meanders to the said Creek aforesaid thence up the same
as it meanders to the Beginning. Also two Negroes to wit, Rachael and
Wat and one Feather bed and furniture & Indian of said Rachael.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Sprague that
Tract of Land on which Tatetha White now lives on containing seven
hundred and fifty acres more or less in the bounds following Begin-
ning at Miller and my son Thomas with said Miller
line to Seaton ^{line} thence with said line to Crackedales line thence along
said line to Hunt line. thence along his line to Thainas Seaton line thence
along his line to the line of the Land which Melchizedek Sprague ^{purchased} of
Vaughan, thence with the same to point in said line on a small branch
thence along a marked line to the beginning. Also three Negroes, Peggy,
Abraham & Hannah & Indian ~~inures~~ & one Feather Bed and furniture.

Item I ^{give &} bequeath unto my son Elias Sprague that Tract of Land called
the Middle plantation tract, containing five hundred and seventy acres more
or less in the bounds following, Beginning at a corner on Calais Creek
thence along a marked line which runs between

mean the Rocky Spring
said Middle Plantation and when I now live to the Great Branch, just
below the field called Puckett's field, thence up the said Branch as it meanders
to the fork of the same, thence up the Right hand fork called Samuel
Abneys Branch to a corner on the same, thence with a marked line
to Peter Coopers line, thence with his line and others to new corner on the
South side of the Stony Ridge, thence along a new line to a corner on
Phillip Vaughans line by Peter Rait's father, thence with his line to No.
100 Branch, thence down the same to Catauba Creek thence up the said
Creek as it meanders to the mouth of the Lick Branch, thence up the same
to Mel Spragins line Welfax County, Virginia Will 1792-1793
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down said Creek as it meanders to the beginning also two Negroes to wit
Jemie & Alley with her future increase and one Feather bed and five
meters.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Spragins the balance
of the land which I now live on that is to say in the following bounds Begin-
ning at Quellers line formerly mentioned thence along a marked line
aground the land bequeathed to my son Thamat to the line of the
land Mel Spragins purchased of Vaughan, thence with the line of
the same to Coopers line, thence with his line to Peter Coopers line thence
along the same to a corner on the same, thence along a marked line ad-

joining the land bequeathed to my son Elisha thence along the same
to Abney Branch thence down the same as it meanders to a corner
as the same below Pickett's field thence along a marked line to
Cataula Creek near the Rocky Springs before mentioned thence down
the said Creek to Gutter line near the mouth of said Creek thence
with the line tracing a branch to the beginning. Also three Negroes
to wit, Nicholas, Arney, & Little Ben and one leather bed and furniture
to my daughter

Item. I give and bequeath unto the children of my Daughter
Maraiah White the following Negroes (which are in the Papenrod of the
County of Halifax Virginia Wills 1782) to be divided be-
tween the said children when they come of age with the increase of the
said Negroes.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter, ^{Elizabeth} Galloway the three Negroes which she has now in possession to wit) Peggy Rachel with their future Increase and a boy named Adam.

Item I give ^{bequeath} unto my Daughter Tabitha White the sum of one Pound Sterling in addition to what I have before given her.

Item I give unto my Grand Daughter Mary Spragins Galloway
the following Negroes which are in the Possession of ^{her father} Charles Galloway
to wit

the following Negroes which are in the Possession of Charles Galloway
to wit, Sally, Reuben, & Lorenzo, to her and the sum of her body five
Shilling Sterling,

Item I give unto Charles Galloway the sum of five Shilling Sterling
Item I lend unto my loving wife Maarah Spragens the following
Negroes to wit, Will, Ben, Luddy, Patti, Winney, Annis, Tluvannah, and
Nancy, and the Plantation & Land bequeathed to my son Samuel & what
part of the Stock she may wish to keep & household and kitchen furniture
which property is to be divided between my children herein mentioned as
she may think proper to divert by her will or otherwise except husband
which is to go to my son ^{Halifax County, Virginia Wills 1792-1793} ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} as before mentioned, that is to say the
Negroes of an to be divided as aforesaid between Mel Spragens, Melchiah
Spragens, Thomas Spragens, Elisha Spragens, Samuel Spragens Maarah
White, Elizabeth, Galloway, & Tabitha White, in such proportions as she may
direct or aforesaid. I further direct that my Land not mentioned or bequeathed
away, shall be sold by my Executor hereafter nominated by private or
Public Sale as they may think best, & the Money arising therefrom to go
to the discharge of my Debts, & the said Executor are empowered to convey
the same & to make Robert Sealey a Deed, to the Land which I have said
according to contracts I appoint ^{my sons} Melchizedek, Melchiah, Thomas & Elisha

my sons shall depart this life before they have lawfully disposed of their body it
 is my will that the land and other property bequeathed to them shall be
 equally divided between the then surviving brothers, or their heirs.
 Item I order that there shall be no appraisement upon my Estate
 nor any Inventory returned to Court, nor shall my Executors be called on
 or obliged to give security for their Executorship, or obliged to enter into bond
 for the same, Signed by my hand and Seal this first day of September one
 thousand seven hundred and ninety two

In presence of

Edmund Tarrant

his
 William W. Seates

mark

Queen's Abbey

Halifax County, Virginia Wills 1792
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Thomas Spragens

At a Court held for Halifax County the 28th day of April 1794.

The within written Last will and Testament of Thomas Spragens

Dec^d was exhibited into Court and proved by the Oaths of two of the witnesses there
 unto subscribed to be the Act and Deed of the within named Thomas Spragens

Dec^d was ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
 Thomas Spragens

Melchior Spragens, Melchior Spragens & Eliza Spragens Executors }
 Nov 27 October 1794

Truly Respected Sirs
 1810 November 26th Probate granted Thomas Spragens one of the Executors
 By virtue of an Order of the Court of Halifax County to us directed
 bearing date November Court 1793 We have Appraised the Estate of John
 Lawson Deceased or so much thereof as was shown by his Administrators

One Negro Man Dick £35 —	Yakuel £80 —	£115	"	"
Moll £60 —	Patt £35 —	Nan £30 —	Ben £50 —	155
Reuben £25 —	Trudy £15 —	£40	"	"
The fourth part of Robt of the Value of £75 —				
Ditto of Rose £20				
1 Feather bed and furniture Head & foot £14 part				
1 Cotton wheel, 1 Flax wheel, One L Hatstule 1/4 part				
1 Chest & trunk 1/4				
1 Young Sorrel horse £12 — 1 Sorrel Mare £15 —				
1 Sorrel Colt £10 — also black horse £4 —				
1 Gray horse £10 — one Sorrel horse £5				
1 Sorrel Mare Colt £10 — 19 head of Cattle £30 10				