

State of North Carolina

In the Municipal Court of pleas, Quarter Sessions
for Lincoln County in the State aforesaid. Before

Whereas a paper writing purporting to be the last
will & Testament of Adam H. Springs Dec'd was lately
in your said Court of pleas, Quarter Sessions held
for said County offered for probate by Alexander
Springs & others, whose Counsel was retained thereby by
Sarah Maria Cotton. And Whereupon the plea of
Disavowal was now made, returned & a jury impanelled by
the said issue, "We found in favor of the aforesaid
last will & Testament" from which judgment the said
Sarah Maria Cotton appealed to the next Superior
Court of Law for said County. And whereas
the said Court was continued from term to term in
the said Superior Court, until full term, A.D. 1841.
When a jury was impanelled in the said Superior
Court to try the aforesaid issue "We found the paper
writing offered for probate by the Plaintiff to be the last
will and Testament of Adam Springs Dec'd. which
will more fully appear by reference to the certified
Copy of the proceedings had in said Superior Court
accompanying this writ — And Whereas on Motion at
fall term 1843 it was ordered that the Clerk certify the

Will Testament of Adam Springs Decd lastly
in your said Court of pleas & quarter Sessions held
for said County offered for probate by Alexander
Springs & others when Court was ruled there to by
Sarah Harris & others. And (whereupon the plea of
Disavowal was now made) a jury impanelled by
the said issue, "Who found in favor of the aforesaid
last Will Testament" from which judgment the said
Sarah Harris & others appealed to the next Superior
Court of law for said County. And whereas
the said cause was continued from term to term in
the said Superior Court until full term, A.D. 1841.
When a jury was impanelled in the said Superior
Court to try the aforesaid issue "Who found the proper
writing offered for probate by the plaintiff to be the last
will and Testament of Adam Springs Decd. which
will more fully appear by reference to the certified
Copy of the proceedings had in said Superior Court
accompanying this writ — And whereas on Motion at
full term 1843 it was ordered that the Clerk certify the
proceedings to the County Court under pro. lunc. &c
procedendo. be awarded. We therefore hereby command
you to proceed without delay & record the aforesaid last
will & Testament (which is herewith sent) and do all
other things according to law in relation thereto as fully
and effectually as the law directs had been granted
Master J. W. McKee Clerk of our said Superior

Court at office this first Monday after the fourth
Monday in August in the 68th Year of our
independence Anno Domini 1843.

F. A. W. H. L.

State of North Carolina
Lincoln County.

Know all men by these presents, that I Adam
A. Springs, believing himself of sufficient judgment
of mind do now set about making my will in hopes
that my surviving fellow citizens will aid me in the
disposal of my estate. If it should look for me I call upon
our Constitution. Then I ordain this my last will and
testament as follows: As to my soul or finer part where
it may be I commend it to the author without any
superfluous and tedious requests against the immutable
laws of Duty. — As to my possessions I will bequeath
in the following manner.

In the first place I will to be buried along side of
James Henderson on the hill east of the Church. I then
make my executor to build or cause to be built a stone
fence leaving James Henderson myself at a beginning
corner. The fence to be 30 feet square. The balance of
this square will be a family burying place off the
Church formerly called Hendersons Church —

As to my grand I leave that to the modest discretion
of my executor —

State of North Carolina.

Lincoln County.

Know all men by these presents, that I Adam A. Springs believing himself of sufficient judgment of mind do now set about making my will in hopes that my surviving fellow citizens will aid me in the disposal of my estate. If it should reach far or near our Constitution. Then I ordain this my last will and testament as follows: As to my soul or finer part whither it may be commended it to its author without any importunities and intemperate requests against the immutable laws of Duty. — As to my possessions I will bequeath in the following manner.

1. In the first place I will to be buried along side of James Henderson on the hill east of the Church. Other I wish any execution to build or cause to be built a stone fence leaving James Henderson's image at a beginning corner. The fence to be 30 feet square. The balance of this square will be a family burying place at the Church formerly called Henderson's Church —

As to my grave I leave that to the modest discretion of my executioner —

2. In the second place I will bequeath my debt which I believe will be found of but small amount to be paid.

3. In the third place to my sister Polly Springs deceased's son Richard Arthur Springs I will bequeath my property

plantations in Mecklenburg County

4. To Leroy Springs Mills the greater my three plantations of lands & hereditaments except part of it from the stone corner in the road somewhat N. of E. to the black oak near about 100 yds B.O. stump then to corner of M. C. Sperry's Mill upper point on the tract. Adam A. Springs
5. fifthly Mills the greater to my affectionate & dutiful Legatee Alexander Springs my plantations on the road from Charlotte to the Truckee river five miles from Charlotte. Adam A. Springs
6. sixthly Mills the greater Mary the two youngest children - now to Alexander also -
7. To Alfred Rappan Mills the little balance of my three plantations running from the stone in the road to the black oak stump before mentioned - This line I set to north will be a division between Leroy Springs & Alfred Rappan
7. Mills the greater my poor Lincoln lands, Mills these lands in common between Elias A. Springs William S. Springs Henry S. Springs William with about 1450 acres, with some exception. Mills the Caldwell place my meadow joining H. Pines Mill pond. I obtained these three lands by deed as an appendage to the Shoals. I now will them as an appendage to the above firm.
8. Mills the greater to Thos. S. Springs my 1000 tract near to Huntersville Alabama.
9. Mills the greater my Spotts plantation in Mecklenburg County to Elias A. Springs

corner in the road. somewhat N. of E. to the place where
near about 100 yds B.O. stump then to corner of M. C. Haffey's
with upper point on the tract. Adam A Springs
5 fifthly I will bequeath to my affectionate & dutiful
Legatee Alexander Springs my plantation on the road
from Charlotte to the Lockridge - five miles from
Charlotte. Adam A Springs

6 sixthly I will bequeath to my son two younger children
- now to Alexander also -

7th To Alfred Haffey I will the little balance of my poor
plantation adjoining from the stone in the road to the
black oak stump before mentioned - This line I set to

truth will be a division between Long Springs & Alfred Haffey
7 I will bequeath my poor Lincoln land, with these lands
in common between Elias A Springs William S Springs
Henry S Springs William with about 1750 acs, with
some exception. Thence the Caldwell place my meadow
joining H. Pines Mill pond. I obtained these three
lands by deed as an appendage to the Shoals
I now will them as an appendage to the above
firm.

8. I will bequeath to Thos. S. Springs my 1000 tract near to
Huntsville Alabama.

9 I will bequeath my Spratts plantation in Mecklenburg
county to Elias A Springs

9 I will unto Henry S Springs my place adjoining the
land called Alex. S. Harvats land, -