

Hugh Spratt Will -

In the Name of God Amen -

I, Hugh Spratt of the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and calling to mind the mortality of my body - and wishing to make a disposition of the property wherein it has pleased God to bless me with in this life - do execute this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following viz:

My Spirit I give into the hands of my Creator who gave it and my body to its mother earth to be buried in a decent & Christian like manner.

To my beloved wife and Companion Catherine Spratt I give two good beds and furnishings, her choice, a good Cow and Calf her choice out of my stock, and as much of my household & kitchen furniture as may be necessary for her to keep house with decently and the few in my dwelling house together with the out house or such part as she may wish to occupy during her natural life, if she chooses to remain on the Plantation we now live on. She is also to have one year support for herself and family out of the profits of the plantation.

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on hand at my decease. She is also to have a sufficient
support off the plantation I now live on (together with the lot
of meadow and bottom land lying on Indian Creek
(which I intend to give with the plantation I now live on)
to keep her decently without any toil or labor on her part.
The sum to be appropriated to her annually by my
Executors with the assistance of three reputable freeholders
selected by my Executors for that purpose. Her house or
such part of it as she may choose to occupy is to be kept
in good repair. and if she should choose to leave the
house and plantation where we now live and go to live
with any other one of her children she shall still be entitled
to her yearly support off the plantation where we now live

To my son William Spratt I give the use of the plantation
wherein he now lives, lying on the waters of Buffalo and
Indian Creek. bounded as follows - Beginning at a P.O.
and running thence S 10 1/2 E 122 Poles to a P.O. near Wins Corner
thence S 89 1/2 E 140 Poles to a P.O. on Carralls line thence N 10 W
250 Poles to a W.O. & R.O. thence N by W 140 Poles to a State
line thence S 80 1/2 E 200 poles to the
beginning containing two hundred & sixty three acres. also a lot of
Bottom & meadow land lying on Indian Creek joining lands
of Bastian Bush - being the north part of a tract

Some lying on both sides of Indian Creek. To be laid off as follows

Beginning as a birch on the bank of the Creek as a sign. Thence along the edge of the meadow to a State. Thence to another State near an apple tree thence to a white oak at the foot of the hill. Thence along round where the fence now stands to the Creek thence down the Creek to the beginning. The above tract of land together with said lot of meadow & bottom land I value as four hundred dollars. The said lands as the decedent of my said son William Spratt are to descend to his children. And in case the said William is not willing to allow the aforesaid sum of four hundred dollars for said lands in the distribution of my estate, then the same shall be put up at public sale to the highest bidder, by my executor, on a credit of one two & three years, and the proceeds to be divided

To my son Thomas Spratt this heirs. I give the balance of my tract of land lying on both sides of Indian Creek joining lands of Daniel Leitchman, Peter Lane, Miriam Best, and others (after taking off the above lot described which I have willed to William Spratt and another lot of meadow and bottom hereafter to be described which I intend to give with my home plantation) The balance of said tract which I give to my said son Thomas Spratt. I value as seven hundred dollars, and in case he should not be willing to allow the aforesaid sum of seven hundred dollars for the same, in the distribution of my estate and pay up the balance after deducting his distribution share. Then my executor shall sell the same on the same terms as directed respecting William's tract. And the said Thomas Spratt this heirs, or whom may purchase said tract of land shall allow the others owning the lots of meadow & bottom land. Taken off

Thomas Spratt his heirs, or whom may purchase said tract of land shall allow the others owning the lots of meadow & bottom land, taken off said tract to have a Wagon way over said land to enable the owners to get their's without any obstruction - And then shall not any line sticks be turned on said bottom land after the first day of March in each & every year, nor in the fall until all the Creek is taken out.

I my daughter Jane Griggs I give the plantation wherein I now reside containing about three hundred & fifty acres: Beginning with a corner of bottom and meadow land on Indian Creek off the tract of land I have given to my son Thomas Spratt lying on the north side of said tract. Beginning at a birch on the bank of said Creek at the bend. Corner of William's lot and to run thence with the line of his lot along the edge of the meadow to a stake. Then to another stake near a small apple tree. Thence to a white oak at the foot of the hill. Thence a straight line passing a gum tree in the meadow on to a dogwood at the edge of the meadow. Thence to a Oak oak at the fence thence along where the fence now stands round to the Creek. Thence up the Creek to the beginning: - The said Plantation and lot of bottom & meadow land I value at the sum of nine hundred dollars: And if the said Jane Griggs and her husband should not be willing to allow the aforesaid sum of nine hundred dollars for the said lands in the distribution of my estate Then the same shall be sold by my Executors (after the decease of my wife Catherine Spratt) giving the same credit as above. And further it is my will that if my said daughter Jane & her husband should be unwilling to take said lands at the aforesaid sum of nine hundred dollars) Then if any one of the others of our children should be willing to take it at that price

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They shall have it. if not then it is to be sold as above directed.

To my son Hugh Spratt I give our equal share of my Estate not taking into Consideration any thing I have heretofore given to any of my children; And my said son Hugh Spratt shall not be allowed to receive any share out of my estate, by Agent or Power of Attorney. He must apply to my Executors in his own proper person and receive it from them himself; and in case he fails to apply for it within two years after the same shall be ready for distribution he having previous notice. Then his share is to be equally divided between my two sons William Spratt & Thomas Spratt.

To my grandson James Boyd Spratt I give one hundred dollars to be paid over to his guardian, and if he should die before he arrives at lawful age to receive it. it is to go to his surviving brothers.

To my son Joseph Spratt I do not intend to give any part of my Estate because my brother Joseph Spratt of South Carolina adopted him as his son at an early age and has and will provide for him -

After all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid & the special legacies are settled; It is my Will that my sons William Spratt, Thomas Spratt & Hugh Spratt and my daughter, Cately Sullivan, Nancy Hull & Jane Griggs share it all in my estate; Taking into Consideration the land as I have valued it. without taking any account of any thing I

Laughlin, Calvary Callahan. Nancy Hull & John Briggs Tharnt
I have alike in my estate: Taking into Consideration the land as
I have valued it. without Taking any account of anything I
have heretofore given any of them

All my personal property not specially Willed to be
sold at public sale, on a Credit of twelve months, except my
Wearing apparel, which is to be divided amongst my sons

I have a good strong road Wagon and a good
two horse Carriage - which (if not sold previous to my decease) I
want my son Thomas to take them down to Santos in South
Carolina and sell them there to the best advantage - he can
and one of the proceeds of the said sale, he is to be fully Com-
pensation for his time and trouble in taking them there and
selling them -

All Monies, Notes or valuable papers are to be handed over to
my Executors immediately after my decease

Those persons owning those lots of bottom & meadow on the
Creek are to keep good fences opposite them here

I hereby Nominate and appoint my two sons William
Spratt & Thomas Spratt and my friend John Bennett my
Executors to Execute this my Last Will & Testament

I do hereby revoke, disannul and disallow all other or
former Wills & Testaments by me made or executed, And hereby
publish and declare this to be my last Will & Testament

Open

In witness whereof I Hugh Spratt have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal the 18th day of
November in the year of our Lord 1842.

It is further my will that as the decedent of my wife
Catherine Spratt all the property she may have (except
her wearing apparel) is to be sold & equally divided, and
her wearing apparel is to be divided amongst her three
daughters

Hugh Spratt test

Signed, sealed, published
& declared in the presence of
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John Law

Nicholas Star ^{ILLAR} Will

State of North Carolina Lincoln County -

I Nicholas Star, being in sound mind and memory, Blessed be God
on this day make and Publish this my last Will & Testament as