

State of North Carolina, In the name of God amye  
Washington County 3. I Dempsey Spruill of the  
State and County aforesaid being of sound minde and  
in good health do make and ordaine this my last will  
and testament in manner as following, & my desire is that  
my executors shall pay all my just debts, and general expence

1<sup>st</sup> Item) I bind unto my beloved wife Mary Spruill the  
House and Plantation wheron I now live, together with all of  
the lands that I am seased & possessed of (viz.)

The tract of body land whereon William Spruill lives.  
Also the tract of land wherein my son Dunning Spruill  
now resides adjoyning the poplars land together with all  
my working tools horses, mules, cattle & hogs, sheep & household  
& kitchen furniture of every description during his life time.

2<sup>nd</sup> I now bind unto my wife Mary all my stock of Negroes of  
every description both young and old, to her disposal. Also those  
Negroes that is left out to my children, to her disposal to take  
or let her keep them to be to her disposal her life time or she has  
a right to lend any one of the negroes to any one of the children  
as she may think proper or to take them away at her pleasure.

3<sup>rd</sup> And I further give unto my wife all of my money and notes that  
are in the house to the use of my Mary. Also all of my Chattel  
receivable to her also.

4<sup>th</sup> Item Now my will and desire is that all of my negroes at the death  
of my wife Mary shall all come in together of every description and be  
equally divided among my lawfull heirs except my son Dunning Spruill

5<sup>th</sup> Item I give unto my daughter Ann Caroline an bed and furniture  
the first choice, two Cows and Calves to her and her heirs forever,  
also two ewes & lambs and one hundred and fifty dollars in money  
to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

6<sup>th</sup> I now give unto my daughter Henrietta Huston to her and her heirs forever  
which is now in my possession all of her very property.

I gave also to her three Cows and Calves of the stock that will be in the  
possession of my wife Mary Spruill at her death and three ewes and  
lambs.

7<sup>th</sup> Now my will and desire is that all of my house hold and kitchen  
furniture horses cattle sheep and all of the rest of my chattel property  
of every description after taken out the chattel property I have given  
away to my two daughters (viz.) Ann Caroline & Henrietta Huston  
to be equally divided between my lawfull heirs after the death of  
my wife Mary Spruill, excepting my son Dunning Spruill as he  
is not to come in as my an heire as I have given away to him  
his legacy before.

8<sup>th</sup> Now I give unto all of my lawfull heirs at my death many enough  
to buy them a manning suit except my son Dunning Spruill.

9<sup>th</sup> Now I gave unto my son Dunning Spruill one Negroe woman by the name  
of Patience and one negroe boy by the name of Moses which he has now in  
his possession. Also I gave unto him one dollar in cash which is in full of  
my estate as to his part to him and his heirs forever.

9<sup>th</sup> Item I gave unto my son William Spruill at the death of my wife Mary  
Spruill one tract of land wheron he now live known by the name of the  
Body farm. Also one piece of cypress swamp adjoyning of Miles Bateman  
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and his heirs forever.

10<sup>th</sup> Now I gave unto my Grand son Dempsey Spruill the son of William  
A Spruill Ten acres of land adjoyning of the lands of P.C. Duddy.  
& other to him and his heirs forever.

11<sup>th</sup> Now I gave unto my Daughter Clara & P.C. Duddy one tract of land  
known by the Pinney land by estimation eighty acres of the same more or less  
adjoyning of the land of Caleb Phelps & other to them their heirs and  
assigns forever.

12<sup>th</sup> Item I gave unto my two Daughters Ann Caroline & Henrietta Huston  
all of my lands wheron my son Dunning Spruill owned from adjoyning  
of the lands of Elias Oliver his and others by estimation Two hundred and  
Twenty acres be the same more or less with the land to be equally divided  
between the two ladies and the dividing line to run through the middle  
of the East and West including of all of the lands on the East side of  
my bigg ditch and my Daughter Henrietta Huston to have the North side  
of the said dividing line and Ann Caroline to have the south side of  
the said line to her and her heirs forever after the death of their mother  
Mary Spruill

13<sup>th</sup> I now gave unto my Daughter Sallock wife of Isaac C. Bateman one  
tract or parcell of land adjoyning of the Davis land and known by the  
Sunday Haven fort land laying on the west side of my bigg ditch  
estimated to be eighty one acres be the same more or less to her and her  
heirs forever after the death of my wife Mary Spruill.

14<sup>th</sup> I gave unto my son William A. Spruill one other tract of land  
adjoyning of the lands of the widow Smith Callie Green land swamp  
by estimation sixty five acres more or less to him and his heirs forever.

15<sup>th</sup> I now gave unto my Daughter Mary Swain the wife of Jeremiah  
Swain Seventy five acres of land to be laid off to her out of the  
east end of the said tract of land wheron I now live with the  
line to run North and South to her and her heirs forever after the  
death of her mother Mary Spruill.

16<sup>th</sup> I now give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Caroline the house  
and plantation wheron I now live that is to say after taking out the  
seventy five acres that I gave away Harry Swain as above stated

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A Spruill ten acres of land adjoyning of the lands of P.C. Ruddy.  
& others to him and his heirs forever.

11<sup>th</sup> Now I gave unto my Daughter Isabella & P.C. Ruddy one tract of land  
known by the Pinney Land by estimation eighty acres to the same more or less  
adjoyning of the land of Caleb Phelps & others to them them their heirs and  
assigns forever.

12<sup>th</sup> (Item) I gave unto my Two Daughters Ann Caroline & Henrietta Huston  
all of my lands wherow my son Dunning Spruill moved from adjoyning  
of the lands of Elias Oliver's heirs and others by estimation two hundred and  
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between the two girls and the dividing line to run through the middle  
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east end of the said tract of land wherow I now live with the  
line to run North and South to her and her heirs forever after the  
death of her mother Mary Spruill.

16<sup>th</sup> I now give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Caroline the house  
and plantation wherow I now live that is to say after taking out the  
twenty five acres that I gave away Mary Swain as above stated

To his said Ann and her heirs forever after the death of her mother  
 17<sup>th</sup> I gave unto my Grand son Humphrey Spruill the son of Eli  
 Spruill twenty acres of land adjoining of the lands of  
 Benjamin Arnold and James W. Davis and others to him  
 and his heirs forever after the death of his Grand Mother  
 Mary Spruill

18<sup>th</sup> I now gave unto Ebenezer Huston my Grand son wherow  
 John Huston last lived adjoining of Pettigrews Chapel to him  
 all of the said tract of land and of my right and title interest  
 in the said tract of land to him and his heirs forever.

19<sup>th</sup> I now gave unto John Huston my Grand son one tract of land  
 known by the Buck Head land laying in Spruill County all of my  
 interest in the said tract of land to have his heirs and assigns  
 forever.

Now I revoke all other wills and this will to be my true and last will  
 and testament. Now I leave & ordain as my worthy friends my beloved  
 wife Mary Spruill and my son William A. Spruill my sole  
 Executor to the my last will and testament in witness whereof I  
 have hereunto set my hand and fix my seal this the 11<sup>th</sup> day October  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty one

Witness

(signed) Humphrey Spruill Esq

(signed) R. B. Davis  
 Asa Ansty

It is my wish and desire that all the legacies and bequests herein  
 mentioned in this my last will and testament should be all construed  
 as given subject to the life estate of my wife Mary according to  
 the first, second and third clauses of this my will except the sum  
 of one hundred and fifty dollars in money given to my daughter  
 Ann Hartman which I desire to be given her without interest at any  
 time according to the direction of her Mother and such gift to be  
 considered independent of and apart from any share she may  
 afterward be entitled to receive in the division of any estate according  
 to the directions of this my will given under my hand and seal

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1842

Witnesses Hartly Hardison (signed) Humphrey Spruill Esq  
 (signed) Josiah Collins

State of North Carolina County of Pleas & Quarter session  
 Washington County } My Term 1842

The due execution of the foregoing last will  
 and testament of Humphrey Spruill deceased was duly proved by the  
 oath of Robert B. Davis one of the subscribing witnesses that  
 who made oath that the said testator Humphrey Spruill in the presence

of him said Robt B Davis and also in the presence of Asa Ansty the  
 other subscribing witness signed sealed published and declared the foregoing  
 paper writing preceding the Codicil as and for his last will and testament  
 and that he the said Davis and the said Asa Ansty subscribed the same  
 at the request of said testator in his presence and in the presence of each other  
 as witnesses. And the due Execution of the foregoing Codicil to the last will and  
 testament of the said Humphrey Spruill was duly proved by the oath of Josiah -  
 Collins one of the subscribing witnesses that who made oath that the testator  
 Humphrey Spruill in the presence of him said Collins and in the presence of  
 Asa Ansty Hardison the other subscribing witness signed sealed published & declared  
 the same as & for a Codicil to his last will and testament in the presence  
 of said subscribing witness who at the request of said Humphrey Spruill  
 subscribed the same as witness Whereupon Mary Spruill & William A. Spruill  
 the Executor and Executer named in the said will qualified themselves  
 and it is ordained that said will and Codicil be recorded and that  
 letter testamentary issue

(Signed) Just T. E. Pender Ck

State of North Carolina  
 Washington County

I F. F. Gagan Ck of the Court  
 of Pleas & Quarter Session of said County do Certify the  
 foregoing to be a true copy from the records of my office  
 15 Sept 1852

F. F. Gagan Ck