

Descendants of Godfrey Spruill

Generation No. 1

1. GODFREY¹ SPRUILL was born 1650 in Stirlingshire Scotland, and died 15 Aug 1718 in Tyrell County NC. He married JOANNA SHARP Abt. 1677 in Tyrell County NC. She was born 1654 in Tyrell County NC, and died 29 Jul 1719 in Chowan County NC.

Notes for GODFREY SPRUILL:

October 31, 1684, Virginia, James City County. Godfrey received a patent of land (No. 399) of 340 acres October 31, 1684 in James City County, Virginia. (William and Mary Quarterly, Vol. 12, series 1, p. 106) ?

? + 1684 ?

March 24, 1688, Virginia, Henrico County. Godfrey, with Thomas Charles, William Hobson, Barth. Newcomb, took inventory of the estate of Thomas Newcomb. The value was 2411 lbs tobacco.

August 1, 1689, Virginia, Henrico County. Godfrey Spruill, aged about 39, William Lewis and Joshua Wynne testified as to the winners of a horse race at Malvern Hills. (Henrico Records, Virginia Historical Magazine Vol. 2, p. 296)

August 15, 1689, Virginia, Henrico County. Godfrey purchased 100 acres from Robert Sharp. (Henrico Co., VA Record Book 5, p. 564)

June 2, 1690, Virginia, Henrico County. The Henrico County minute book orphans court shows that Doctor Spruell, along with John Cannon, Philemon Childers, and Robert Sharp are appointed to appraise the estate of Herbert Powell. (You will note that Godfrey later moves to land previously owned by Mr. Powell.)

March 10, 1693, Virginia, Richmond. Joanna Spruill relinquishes her dower rights to the land Godfrey purchased from Robert Sharp. This land is then sold to John Lowry. (State Archives, Richmond, Mar 10. 1693/94)

July 2, 1694, Godfrey purchased land in Chowan Co., NC. "These may certify yt at a Crt. Holden for the precinct of Chowan ye. Second of July 1694: Godfrey Spruell proved these Eight rights as followeth: Godfrey Spruell Sen., Joana Spruell, Susanah Spruell, Ana Margeritta Spruell, Saml. Spruell, Godfrey Spruell Junr., Nicholas Phelps, Sarah Walker. Attest: Nathanl. Chevin Crk."

... Book of Warrants and Surveys, 1681-1706, for land in the North Carolina county palatine of Albemarle ... presently in the North Carolina State Archives (shelf mark: Secretary of State 978.1) Note: this is abstracted in Old Albemarle County, North Carolina Book of Land Warrants and Surveys 1671-1706 by Weynette Parks Haun, 1984

August 24, 1697, North Carolina. Godfrey signed various documents on this date according to Hathaway, Vol. III p. 91.

February 6, 1699

"Abraham Lewis of Chowan Prect., mariner with the consent of Elizabeth my now wife to Nathaniel Chevin of Chowan Prect. 6 Feb. 1699 for 15 pounds 150 arkers more or less according to the anchant bounds, at the mouth of Matoromet crick being part of a thousand arkers taken up by Thomas Horskinse and sold by him to Will Hankrock's father () and purchased by Godfrey Spruell of the foresd. Hankrock and by sd. Spruell sold to us.

Wit.: James Bount, Thomas Waine, Richard Lewis.

... Reg. 2 Apr. 1700

... Deed Book W #1, Chowan County, N. C., page 6 (deed number 11)

March 5 1699, "Coll. Thomas Pollock of Chowan Prect., Albemarle Co. to Silvester Sandifort mariner 5 Mar. 1699 consideration 640 acres entered and settled by Dr. Godfrey Spruell and bought of him by me being on ye sowwest side of Connebbys creek all houses, gardens, orchards, etc."

... Wit.: He. Humphreys, Jeremiah Cannon

... Reg. 2 Apr. 1700

... Deed Book W #1, Chowan County, N. C., page 4 (deed number 8)

May 26 1701/1702

"Doctor Godfrey Spruell of Scopernung, Chyurgin and Joanna my wife to John Stuard..."

... Reg. 3 Mar 1702

... Deed Book W #1, Chowan County, N. C., page 27 (deed number 49)

June 24, 1704, North Carolina. Godfrey moved his family to North Carolina. The Land Grant Office in Raleigh, North Carolina has record of Godfrey Spruill receiving 640 acres along the Scuppernong River. "Paid by Godfrey Spruill of ye county, aforesaid. Gents-- (of Henrico County, James River in Virginia. xxx one dividint containing one hundred acres of landxxx bounding south upon the river beginning at ye deep bottom next the plantation late in ye possession of Herbert Powell.

It is noted in 1704, in North Carolina that Godfrey Spruill was one of the earliest physicians in North Carolina.

March 2, 1713, North Carolina, St. Pauls Parish. Memories and Records of Eastern North Carolina by Mary Weeks Lambeth notes the following: "At a Vestry meeting of St. Paul's Parish, on the 9th day of March, 1703-4, it was ordered that "Dr. Spruill be paid 5 pounds for the cure of Eleanor Adams, and on the 2nd day of March 1713-14, 12 pounds for the cure of Ebenezer Aldridge, as soon as money can be raised," by the present Church Wardens (Col. Recs.).

July 28, 1713, North Carolina. From Memories and Records - "I have not been able to find out why Dr. Godfrey Spruill was arrested on July 28, 1713 and put under bond for good behavior, but since his whole record given in the Parish Register of St. Paul's and elsewhere was an honorable and dignified one, I presume that it was for some political activity." The record says "upoon petition of John Fouree praying to put an account against Vincent White, deceased did prove the same by his oath" (Col. Rec. Vol 2. p. 403)

July 28, 1713, Godfrey Sprewell conveyed 100 acres of land to John Davenport. (Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. II, p. 101)

July 13, 1714, North Carolina. Dr. Godfrey Spruill and wife Joanna deeded land to son-in-law John Stuart and daughter Henrietta, 300 acres in Scuppernon.

He was elected to office on December 3, 1714 in North Carolina. He was Associate Justice under Chief Justice Christopher Gale. (Hathaway, Vol II, p. 147 & James Melson)

Oct 18, 1715, recordings of a Chowan County Court proceedings September 18, 1715 include: "Ordered that a road be cleared from Doctor (Godfrey) Spruill's to Eliza. Long's and that John Davenport Rt. Fewox, and Cuthbert Phelps lay out the Road and that all Inhabitants from Clay's Creek to John Davenport's do assist in Clearing the sd. Road, and that John Davenport be appointed overseer of the road. John Davenport, Robt. Fewox, and Cuthbert Phelps are to lay out the road." (NC Reg 1:148)

Godfrey signed a will on August 5, 1718 in North Carolina, Albermarle Province; states that he lives in North Carolina in the Province of Albemarle. It was proved in Chowan Court July 29, 1719.

In the name of God amen I GODFREY SPRUILL living in North Carolina in the Province of Albermarle being in health of body and sound of memory but considering of family of mankind do make and ordain this my last will and testament in a form following. I give and bequeath my soul unto the hand of god that gave it me and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in a Christian decent manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named not doubting (but ??? of our Savior Jesus Christ). I shall enjoy a joyful resurrection and as to my temporal estate it hath pleased you to bless me with my funeral expenses and all my just debts being paid I give and bequeath in manner and form following that is to say first, I give and bequeath to my son SAMUEL X SPRUILL a parcel of property estimation three hundred and fifty acres more or less bounded as followeth lying at a Cypress near the eastern end of the ? Branch and running thence to a tiny thicket and forming the end of the aforesaid Branch to the first outlet and along the outer Branch southerly to Great Swamp and along the Branch westerly to the end of the Buntings? along the said ?? mouth thereof and along the bay easterly to the first station to him and his heirs for ever; aforesaid land being that whereon he now lives. I give and bequeath to my son GODFREY SPRUILL three hundred fifty acres of more or less bounded as followeth being at a marked Cypress at the east end of the south banks his brother Samuel's corner free and so running

eastwardly to the Clay point to a corner tree in ?? and so running from there thence southerly to a line of marked trees to the round about branch and at round about branch to a White Ashe next to the Great Swamp and along the Great Swamp to his brother Samuel's line to the first station to him and his heirs for ever and also one Negro woman named Jenny. I give to my son JOSEPH SPRUILL that plantation whereon I now live with all the rest of the land in the neck and also a parcel of land estimation fifty acres more or less bounding on a Cypress branch westerly of the ??? ??? land a line of marked trees westwardly of the aforesaid branch to a ??? ??? from thence various courses to the first station and one Negro man named L? and one Negro man named Dolphin with all my ??? and hogs to him and his heirs for ever. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law CUTHBERT PHELPS and my daughter SUSANNAH his wife a certain tract of land of estimation three hundred acres more or less and is boundeth as followeth beginning at marked White ??? at the Back Creek's mounth and running up the Swamp to a branch eastward to Rich Level Land and along the branch to a line of marked trees ??? ??? ??? and along that line of marked trees to River ??? and from there to the first station to him and his heirs for ever. I give to my daughter SUSANNAH a gold ring of twenty shills price. I give to my daughter ANNA MARGARITTA a gold ring of twenty shills price. I give to my daughter MARY a gold ring of twenty shills price. I give to my grandson BUTTONHEAD BOUTWELL six hundred acres of land purchased by me as appearing upon record lying in the fork of Pamlico River to be to him and his heirs for ever but in default of I give to SAMUEL and his heirs and in default to ELIZABETH BOUTWELL and her heirs and on default of her I give to my grandson GODFREY SPRUILL son of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH SPRUILL to him and his heirs for ever. I nominate and appoint my son JOSEPH SPRUILL my sole and only executor of this will and testament hereby revoking all other wills of me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this as my last will and testament. Witness whereof I have here to set my hand and seal this 5 day of August 1718.

Sealed in the presence of Godfrey Spruill

James Singleton

Henry Norman

Ann Davenport

Proved in Chowan County July 29, 1719

Letter granted January 25, 1720

Dr. Godfrey Spruill, patriarch of the family, was born in 1650, thirteen years before King Charles issued the celebrated Carolina Charter. A tobacco planter, surgeon and patron of the sport of kings in the Cavalier colony, he had probably heard stories from ship captains who had plied the Carolina River (Albemarle Sound) in search of hides, furs and naval stores, of the inviting forests along this body's south shore. Between 1693 and 1697 he and his wife Joanna bought land in the area and moved to Carolina. They were among the section's first white settlers. The original Spruill grant included over a thousand acres of the south shore of Albemarle Sound and west side of Scuppernong River between Back Creek and Bunting Bay (now Bull's Bay). In this beautiful, primitive setting, called Heart's Delight by explorers a decade before, the Spruills set down their roots. Behind the high banks of the sound shore lay ridges cut here and there by quiet

creeks and forested with virgin timber. On this location about 1705 was founded Roundabout Plantation, the seat of the Tyrrell Spruills for the next century. Unlike many of Scuppernong's colonial land barons -- the Pettigrews, Collinses and others who held land on the South Shore but whose interests lay elsewhere -- the Spruills settled in Scuppernong and began the task of clearing and exploiting the rich dark land. Dr. Godfrey Spruill, probably one of Carolina's first medical men, became well-known throughout the struggling Albemarle Colony, being called on numerous occasions across the sound to Queen Anne's Creek, the site of present Edenton, to care for the sick. At his death the Roundabout fell to his son Samuel Spruill and then to his grandson Joseph Spruill. Around 1710 near Backlanding, the private wharves of the Roundabout, was erected Saint Paul's Chapel, one of the earliest churches in Carolina. Thirty years later Joseph Spruill gave this chapel to St. Andrew's Parish. The Roundabout and the Spruill lands at Backlanding were the center of colonial activity in Scuppernong. Here in 1746 was erected "His Majesties Warehouse" and twenty years later Benjamin Spruill invited the county court to meet at the "big house." Subsequently he gave the land for the building of the Tyrrell Courthouse at Backlanding following the outbreak of the Revolution. Here also sailing schooners docked momentarily on their voyage from Ocracoke to Edenton. For the next five generations Spruills played important roles in local as well as state religious and political life. Probably not many families in Carolina can boast such a continuous record of public service. Samuel Spruill served in the Provincial Assembly from 1754 until his death in 1760. His brother Joseph Spruill, an early vestryman of South Chowan Parish, was major of the county militia, magistrate and supervisor of "the King's high roads." He also served as sheriff and a member of the Assembly. It was his brother Colonel Hezekiah Spruill who was among Tyrrell's leaders in the Revolution. Benjamin Spruill, a member of the General Assembly, introduced the bill creating Martin County from Tyrrell in 1774. Nemeniah Spruill built the first bridge across Scuppernong River near Cool Springs (now Creswell) during early colonial times. This crossing is still called Spruill's Bridge today. It opened transportation into a new territory above Creswell and Lake Phelps to settlers. Two Spruills, Joseph and Benjamin, were members of the First and Second Provincial Congresses in the turbulent opening days of the Revolution. Joseph Spruill was a signer of the Halifax Resolves and was appointed a major in the battalion being gathered in Tyrrell at Lee's Mill under the leadership of Colonel Edward Buncombe. Hezekiah Spruill and Stephen Lee were appointed by the Second Provincial Congress to "receive, procure and purchase firearms for the use of the troops and to receive, maintain and repair all swords, dirks, pistols and other implements of war which have been taken by the Tories." Like many of the hard-pressed farmers of the southern Albemarle many Spruills migrated to the Deep South and to the Mid-West. Today seldom a week passes that the Tyrrell Register of Deeds office does not receive inquiries from genealogists and researchers about this now fairly widespread name. Many take the time and expense to come to Columbia to search the county's colonial records for information about this lost generation of early Carolinians. John W. Melson of Columbia, who has for several years done research on the history of the Spruills, has uncovered most of the information known today about the family. From 1750 until 1860 there was hardly a North Carolina General Assembly without a Spruill representing Tyrrell or neighboring Washington County. The main branch of the Spruill family, established in Alligator by

Colonel Hezekiah, remained on the north shore until the latter part of the 1800's when the place was sold and gradually passed away, much of it reclaimed by the dense forests. Only a few Tyrell countians now bear this old name.

More About GODFREY SPRUILL:

Immigration: Before 1684

Military service: Revlutionary War: Spruill, Godfrey Revolutionary War p. 197 Memories and Records of Eastern North Carolina by Mary Weeks Lambeth

Occupation: Physician

Children of GODFREY SPRUILL and JOANNA SHARP are:

- i. GODFREY² SPRUILL, b. 1678, Tyrell County NC; d. 1736.
2. ii. JOSEPH SPRUILL, b. 1680, Tyrell County NC; d. 1760.
3. iii. ANNA HENRIETTA MARGAREITA SPRUILL, b. Abt. 1682, Tyrell County NC.
- iv. MARY SPRUILL, b. 1684, Tyrell County NC.
- v. SUSANNAH SPRUILL, b. 1686, Tyrell County NC; m. CUTHBERT PHELPS.
4. vi. SAMUEL WILLIAM SPRUILL, b. 1687, Tyrell County NC; d. 19 Aug 1760, Tyrell County NC. *Bonnie's line*
- vii. HENRIETTA SPRUILL, b. 1688, Tyrell County NC.
- viii. JOSHUA SPRUILL, b. 1690, Tyrell County NC.
- ix. HEZEKIAH SPRUILL, b. 1694.

Generation No. 2

2. JOSEPH² SPRUILL (GODFREY¹) was born 1680 in Tyrell County NC, and died 1760. He married MARY?.

Notes for JOSEPH SPRUILL:

Also member of the Assembly.

SPRUILL, JOSEPH

North Carolina

Tyrrell County

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Dated 2 August 1760

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 Tyrrel County North Carolina being in perfect helth mind and memory thanks be unto God and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say first and principally I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in Christain like manner at the durement of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same

4. SAMUEL WILLIAM² SPRUILL (GODFREY¹) was born 1687 in Tyrell County NC, and died 19 Aug 1760 in Tyrell County NC. He married ELIZABETH SWAIN Jan 1713 in Tyrell County NC. She was born 1692 in Nantucket MA, and died 1760 in Tyrell County NC.

Children of SAMUEL SPRUILL and ELIZABETH SWAIN are:

- i. GODFREY³ SPRUILL.
- ii. JEREMIAH SPRUILL.
- iii. LILLIAN SPRUILL.
- iv. ANN ELIZABETH SPRUILL, b. 1715, Tyrell County NC; d. 24 Mar 1754, Tyrell County NC; m. STEPHEN SWAIN; b. 08 Aug 1738, Tyrell County NC; d. 1796, Montgomery County GA.
- v. GODFREY SPRUILL, b. 1717.
- vi. MARY SPRUILL, b. 1725; d. Bef. 1760.
- vii. NEHEMIAH SPRUILL, b. 1729; d. 1803; m. SUSANNAH.
6. viii. JOANNA SPRUILL, b. 1731.
7. ix. SAMUEL SPRUILL, b. 1734, Abbeville SC; d. 25 May 1760, Tyrell County NC. *Bond's line*

Generation No. 3

5. BURTENHEAD³ BOUTWELL (ANNA HENRIETTA MARGAREITA² SPRUILL, GODFREY¹) was born 1718 in Tyrell County NC, and died 26 Feb 1761. He married ELIZABETH COMMANDER.

Children of BURTENHEAD BOUTWELL and ELIZABETH COMMANDER are:

- i. MARY⁴ BOUTWELL.
- ii. NANCY BOUTWELL.

6. JOANNA³ SPRUILL (SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹) was born 1731. She married JACOB BLOUNT.

Children of JOANNA SPRUILL and JACOB BLOUNT are:

- i. JACOB⁴ BLOUNT, m. ESTHER JORDAN, 1768.
- ii. WILLIAM BLOUNT.
- iii. SAMUEL BLOUNT.

7. SAMUEL³ SPRUILL (SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹) was born 1734 in Abbeville SC, and died 25 May 1760 in Tyrell County NC. He married ELIZABETH SPELLER 04 Feb 1755 in Tyrell County NC. She was born 1737 in Abbeville SC, and died in Tyrell NC.

Child of SAMUEL SPRUILL and ELIZABETH SPELLER is:

8. i. JOHN READ⁴ SPRUILL, b. 1745, Abbeville SC; d. 25 Jan 1808, Abbeville SC.

8. JOHN READ⁴ SPRUILL (SAMUEL³, SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹) was born 1745 in Abbeville SC, and died 25 Jan 1808 in Abbeville SC. He married (1) RUTH MITCHELL. *Ruth is not Benjamin's Ancestor.* He married (2) SARAH CURRELL 15 Apr 1766 in Tyrell County NC, daughter of WILLIAM CURRELL and SUSANNAH. She was born Abt. 1748 in Tyrell County NC, and died Abt. 1798 in Abbeville SC.

Notes for JOHN READ SPRUILL:

John had settled in South Carolina by Aug 18, 1784. He had 140 acres on the north side of Turkey Creek.

In the name of God Amen, The twenty fifth of January in the year of our Lord 1808, I JOHN SPRUILL in the District of Abbeville being very sick & weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, Thanks be giving unto God. Knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to dye, do make & ordain this my last will & testament that is to say principally and first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God and for my body I recommend it to the yearth to be buried in a Christian like manner. And as touching such worldly Estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise of the same in the following manner and form, Imprimis, it is my will and I do order that all my just debts be paid and satisfied.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto RUTH my Dear beloved wife all his goods & chattels that she brought on my premises when we was married also fifty acres of land lying the north side of the creek where I now live, adjoining land belonging to WILLIAM LORD and the MITCHELLS during her life or widowhood at which time the said Land is to be Equally Divided amongst my children, ?

ITEM I give unto my sons THOMAS & GABRIEL at the end of six years a good horse to each of them one good feather bed and furniture to each of them & one good cow a peace, and what is left of my Estate it is my will it should be sold on a credit of two years and the money Equally Divided between my twelve children (viz) WILLIAM, GEORGE, LUKE, SIMEON, JOHN, POLLY, SAMUEL, JEPTOR, NANCY, SALLY, THOMAS & GABRIEL. also it is my will that the lawfill heirs of my Daughter PEGGY should have a Equal share of the Money that is Raised out of my Estate with my twelve children, (viz) her heirs to have one thirteenth part of my Estate.

I likewise constitute and appoint my son SIMEON and my son in law WILLIAM WELDON my only and sole Executors of this my last will & testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former will and Executors by me in any wise before this time appointed in witness where of I have set my Hand & Seal this day and Date above written. Signed & sealed in presents of us

JOHN SPRUILL {Seal}

REUBEN NASH
GEORGE MITCHELL
STEPHEN MITCHELL

Recorded in Will book No. 1, page 357, the 2nd day of February 1808

Children of JOHN SPRUILL and SARAH CURRELL are:

9. i. WILLIAM⁵ SPRUILL, b. Abt. 1767, Abbeville SC; d. 07 Mar 1846, Cross Keys, Dekalb County, GA. — *Valuable property West of Atlanta - Dekalb Co.*
ii. GEORGE C. SPRUILL, b. 1768, Abbeville SC.
iii. LUKE SPRUILL, b. 1776, Abbeville SC.
iv. JOHN SPRUILL, b. 1778, Abbeville SC. — *moved to St. Clair (Asheville) AL.*
v. MARY SPRUILL, b. Abt. 1780, Abbeville SC.
vi. MARGARET SPRUILL, b. 1780, Abbeville SC.
vii. SAMUEL SPRUILL, b. 1782, Abbeville SC.
viii. SIMEON SPRUILL, b. 1784, Abbeville SC.
10. ix. JEPHTHA SPRUILL, b. 1789, Abbeville SC; d. 11 Oct 1873, Talbot County GA. — *Spewrell Bluff*
x. SALLY SPRUILL, b. Abt. 1793, Abbeville SC.
xi. THOMAS WESLEY SPRUILL, b. 1793, Abbeville SC.
xii. NANCY SPRUILL, b. 1794, Pendleton SC. *No! Chambers Co AL*
11. xiii. GABRIEL NEWTON SPRUILL, b. Abt. 1795, Abbeville SC; d. 23 Apr 1883, St. Clair County AL. *Born in G-G family. Buried in unmarked grave in Chambers County, AL. (The Gabriel Spruill buried in St. Clair County (near Asheville) is a nephew of our Gabriel - Generation No. 5*

9. WILLIAM⁵ SPRUILL (JOHN READ⁴, SAMUEL³, SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹) was born Abt. 1767 in Abbeville SC, and died 07 Mar 1846 in Cross Keys, Dekalb County, GA. He married ELIZABETH ROBERTSON 1786 in Abbeville SC. She was born Abt. 1765 in Abbeville SC, and died 1850 in Cross Keys, Dekalb County, GA.

Children of WILLIAM SPRUILL and ELIZABETH ROBERTSON are:

12. i. STEPHEN E.⁶ SPRUILL, b. 1786, Abbeville SC; d. Aug 1869, Oak Grove, Fulton County, GA.
ii. WILLIAM SPRUILL, b. 1800, Abbeville SC.
13. iii. GABRIEL SPRUILL, b. 1804, Abbeville SC; d. 23 Apr 1883, Cleburne County AL; m. (1) SUSAN MANN, 20 Nov 1834, Fayette County GA; m. (2) ISABELLE BEARD, 01 Sep 1867, Carroll County GA. *This is Bonnie's line. Gabriels line not William*
iv. JOHN SPRUILL, b. 1810, Abbeville SC; d. Cleburne County AL. *? Do not think this is correct. I think he moved to St. Clair ALA - (Asheville)*

10. JEPHTHA⁵ SPRUILL (JOHN READ⁴, SAMUEL³, SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹) was born 1789 in Abbeville SC, and died 11 Oct 1873 in Talbot County GA. He married CATHERINE BIGBIE in SC, daughter of ARCHIBALD BIGBIE and SUSANNAH MATTISON. She was born Abt. 1795 in Prince William VA.

Died in Chambers County, AL - Unmarked Grave

11. GABRIEL NEWTON⁵ SPRUILL (*JOHN READ⁴, SAMUEL³, SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹*) was born Abt. 1795 in Abbeville SC, and died 23 Apr 1883 in ~~St. Clair County AL~~. He married (1) REBECCA ANNA ROBINSON 1817 in Abbeville SC, daughter of JOHN ROBINSON and JANE BARR. She was born Abt. 1796 in Anderson, Dorchester County, SC, and died 17 Nov 1834 in Abbeville SC. He married (2) SUSANNAH E. MANN 20 Nov 1834 in Fayette County GA. She was born 1812 in Cumberland NC, and died Sep 1865 in Fayette County GA. *He married (3) SOPHIE SARAH CARMICHAEL 27 Sep 1843 in No?* Coweta County GA. She was born 1807 in Abbeville SC, and died in AL. He married *Yes* (4) ISABEL BEARD 01 Sep 1867 in Carroll County GA. She was born 1833 in GA. He married (5) CLARISSA EVANS 18 Jan 1877 in Cleburne County AL.

Notes for GABRIEL NEWTON SPRUILL:

The name Spruill and its variations of spelling was a name of long-standing in Scotland as early as 1294 AD.

One of the first Spruills of record to come to America was Godfrey Spruill who received a patent of 341 acres in James City County, Virginia in October 1864. He also received a grant of 640 acres on Scuppernong River in Terrell County NC on 6/25/1704. He was one of the earliest physicians in North Carolina. Gabriel Spruill is thought to be the earliest Spruill living in Carroll County. He was born around 1808 in Abbeville South Carolina and married Susan Mann on 11/20/1834. They came to Carroll County in 1844-45. Several Spruills fought in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Gabriel had five sons who fought for the Confederacy, only one survived.

1870 Federal census: living in Bowdon, Carroll County, GA.

More About GABRIEL NEWTON SPRUILL:

Occupation: Minister ? *FARMER*

Religion: Methodist

Bonnie placed a memorial marker on SUSAN'S grave -

Notes for SUSANNAH E. MANN:

nickname: Susan

Bonnie placed a marker on Susan's grave site in 1995. Bowdon Methodist Church Cem.

More About SUSANNAH E. MANN:

Burial: Methodist Church Cemetery Bowdon, Carroll County, GA

Notes for CLARISSA EVANS:

nickname: Charity

Children of GABRIEL SPRUILL and REBECCA ROBINSON are:

- i. JANE⁶ SPRUILL, b. Abt. 1818, Abbeville SC; d. Abt. 1880, Talladega County AL.
- ii. NANCY SPRUILL, b. Abt. 1820, Abbeville SC.
- iii. ANDREW SPRUILL, b. 1824, Abbeville SC.
15. iv. MEREDITH BROCK SPRUILL, b. 23 Oct 1825, Dekalb County GA; d. 08 Mar 1893, Carroll County GA.
- v. SAMUEL ROBINSON SPRUILL, b. 1826, Dekalb County GA; d. 22 Aug 1864, Columbus OH.

- vi. AGNES REBECCA SPRUILL, b. 1830, Fayette County GA; d. 29 Dec 1874, Hayden, Blount County, AL.
- 16. vii. MARY ANN SPRUILL, b. 1830, Fayette County GA; d. 29 Dec 1874, Hayden AL.
- viii. ANNA CAROLINE SPRUILL, b. Abt. 1832, Fayette County GA; m. JASON A. WATSON, 30 Jan 1847, St. Clair County AL.
- 17. ix. GABRIEL NEWTON SPRUILL, b. 1834, Fayette County GA.

Children of GABRIEL SPRUILL and SUSANNAH MANN are:

- x. WILLIAM J. M.⁶ SPRUILL, b. 1835, Fayette County GA.

More About WILLIAM J. M. SPRUILL:

Military service: Confederate soldier - died in Civil War

- xi. JOHN F. SPRUILL, b. 1837, Fayette County GA.
- xii. JAMES M. SPRUILL, b. 1839, Fayette County GA; d. 14 May 1863.

*Cobb's Legion
Co B - Killed
At Chancellville
May 1863*

More About JAMES M. SPRUILL:

Military service: Confederate soldier - died in Civil War

"Zach"

- 18. xiii. ZACHARIAH MORRIS SPRUILL, b. 1841, Fayette County GA; d. 29 Jul 1863, - *"Zach"*
Petersburg VA. *Bonnie's great grandfather
Blanford Church cemetery*
- xiv. MILTON SPRUILL, b. 1843, Fayette County GA.

More About MILTON SPRUILL:

Military service: Confederate soldier - died in Civil War 56th Regiment, Georgia Infantry

- 19. xv. MARTHA FRANCES SPRUILL, b. 12 May 1846, Carroll County GA; d. 28 Sep 1887, Cleburne County AL. *Chapel west of Rainbow, AL.*
- * 20. xvi. L. W. FLETCHER SPRUILL, b. 1851, Carroll County GA; d. 20 Sep 1895, Cleburne County AL. *Unmarked grave - Probably same location as Gabriel?*
- 21. xvii. SUSAN E. SPRUILL, b. 03 Apr 1853, Carroll County GA; d. 25 Apr 1903, Ashland, Clay County, AL. *marked grave -*

Children of GABRIEL SPRUILL and SOPHIE CARMICHAEL are:

- xviii. SARAH⁶ SPRUILL, b. 1845.
- xix. AARON CARMICHAEL SPRUILL, b. 1847.

(?)

Generation No. 6

12. STEPHEN E.⁶ SPRUILL (WILLIAM⁵, JOHN READ⁴, SAMUEL³, SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹) was born 1786 in Abbeville SC, and died Aug 1869 in Oak Grove, Fulton County, GA. He married MARGARET LORD. She was born 1785 in VA, and died Dec 1857 in Oak Grove, Fulton County, GA.

not a wife of Gabriel - ?

Children of GABRIEL SPRUILL and NANCY CARMICHAEL are:

- i. SARAH A.⁷ SPRUILL, b. Abt. 1855.
- ii. JAMES M. SPRUILL, b. Abt. 1856.
- iii. MARTHA J. SPRUILL, b. Abt. 1858.
- iv. ABRAHAM SPRUILL, b. Abt. 1859.

Nancy is not Bonnie's line -

We do not know anything
about these - Doubt that these
are children of our Gabriel -
Check birth date - Susan died
in 1865 -

18. ZACHARIAH MORRIS⁶ SPRUILL (GABRIEL NEWTON⁵, JOHN READ⁴, SAMUEL³, SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹) was born 1841 in Fayette County GA, and died 29 Jul 1863 in 1864 Petersburg VA. He married SUSAN ELEANOR STEPHENSON 31 Oct 1860 in Carroll County GA. She was born 22 Jan 1844, and died 02 Sep 1926 in Carroll County GA.

More About ZACHARIAH MORRIS SPRUILL:

Burial: Brandford Church Cemetery Peterburg VA

Military service: Confederate soldier - Co. C, 56th Georgia Infantry, was wounded, captured at Champion Hill, exchanged and died in a Petersburg, VA hospital on 7/29/1863.

Bonnie Spruill BARROW's
great grand father

Notes for SUSAN ELEANOR STEPHENSON:

1900 Federal census: Susan had 11 children, 9 of whom were living as of June 8, 1900.

Buried Tallapoosa Primitive Bapt. Church near Carrollton

MARRIED MERRILL and had 10 children

Mr. Merrill became John Thomas' step father

More About SUSAN ELEANOR STEPHENSON:

Burial: Tallapoosa Baptist Church Cemetery

MERRILL

Child of ZACHARIAH SPRUILL and SUSAN STEPHENSON is:

28. i. JOHN THOMAS⁷ SPRUILL, b. 03 Aug 1861, Carroll County GA; d. 01 Sep 1928, Carroll County GA.

Bonnie's grand father

Bonnie's Grandfather -

19. MARTHA FRANCES⁶ SPRUILL (GABRIEL NEWTON⁵, JOHN READ⁴, SAMUEL³, SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹) was born 12 May 1846 in Carroll County GA, and died 28 Sep 1887 in Cleburne County AL. She married JOHN B. WEIR 07 Aug 1867 in Carroll County GA. He was born 12 Nov 1847 in Carroll County GA, and died 28 Oct 1908 in Cleburne County AL.

NEAR RAINBOW, AL
(about 4 miles west)

Children of MARTHA SPRUILL and JOHN WEIR are:

- i. EZRA⁷ WEIR.
- ii. MATTIE WEIR.
- iii. SUSAN ELIZABETH WEIR.
- iv. GEORGE L. WEIR.
- v. WILLIAM G. WEIR.
- vi. JOHN H. WEIR, b. May 1873; m. SARAH SMITH; b. 1870.
29. vii. LOU ELLA WEIR, b. Feb 1875.
- viii. JESSE OSCAR WEIR, b. 27 Jun 1877; d. 14 Nov 1950, Cleburne County AL; m. EDNA OPHELIA MCELROY, 27 Nov 1904, Cleburne County AL; b. 25 Nov 1885, Cleburne County AL.
- ix. CHARLIE C. WEIR, b. 25 Sep 1885; d. 18 Aug 1886.

Children are listed above under (22) Lydia Davis Spruiell.

26. JOHN JAMES⁷ FULMER (MARY ANN⁶ SPRUILL, GABRIEL NEWTON⁵, JOHN READ⁴, SAMUEL³, SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹) was born 08 Sep 1847 in Ashville, St. Clair County, AL. He married MARTHA JANE PYLE. She was born 25 Dec 1846, and died 12 Apr 1932.

Child of JOHN FULMER and MARTHA PYLE is:

41. i. ELLA L.⁸ FULMER, b. 04 Nov 1885, Nagogdoches TX; d. 20 Dec 1959, Logansport LA.

27. SARAH⁷ FULMER (MARY ANN⁶ SPRUILL, GABRIEL NEWTON⁵, JOHN READ⁴, SAMUEL³, SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹) was born Abt. 1858. She married GEORGE THOMAS. He was born Abt. 1851.

Children of SARAH FULMER and GEORGE THOMAS are:

- i. WILLIAM⁸ THOMAS.
- 42. ii. JAMES WILL THOMAS, b. 1877, AL; d. 1955, Logansport LA.
- iii. LUCETTE THOMAS, b. Abt. 1879.

Bonnie's grandfather
28. JOHN THOMAS⁷ SPRUILL (ZACHARIAH MORRIS⁶, GABRIEL NEWTON⁵, JOHN READ⁴, SAMUEL³, SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹) was born 03 Aug 1861 in Carroll County GA, and died 01 Sep 1928 in Carroll County GA. He married MARTHA FRANCES WORLEY Dec 1882 in Heard County GA, daughter of COLUMBUS WORLEY and ELIZABETH *"Lizzie"* BARNES. She was born 14 Dec 1864 in Carroll County GA, and died 04 Nov 1907 in Heard County GA.

Notes for JOHN THOMAS SPRUILL:

1900 Federal census: living in Tyus, Carroll County, GA.

1910 Federal census: widower, family living on Roopville Road in Carroll County GA.

More About JOHN THOMAS SPRUILL:

Burial: Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church Roopville GA *(Heard County, GA)*

Notes for MARTHA FRANCES WORLEY:

nickname: Mattie

1900 Federal census: Mattie had 9 children, all 9 were living as of June 13, 1900.

More About MARTHA FRANCES WORLEY: *"Mattie"*

Burial: Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church Roopville GA

Children of JOHN SPRUILL and MARTHA WORLEY are:

- 43. i. SUSAN ELIZABETH⁸ SPRUILL, b. 02 Apr 1884, Carroll County GA; d. 15 Apr 1967, Graham, Randolph County, AL.
- 44. ii. OLLIE F. SPRUILL, b. 06 Sep 1885, Carroll County GA; d. 28 Jul 1970, Richland MI.
- 45. iii. ZACHARIAH COLUMBUS SPRUILL, b. 23 Jan 1887, Carroll County GA; d. 25 Mar 1930, Heard County GA.

- 46. iv. LYDA LENORA SPRUILL, b. 05 Jan 1889, Carroll County GA; d. 08 Feb 1954.
- 47. v. JOHN MARVIN SPRUILL, b. 01 Feb 1891, Carroll County GA; d. 27 Jul 1972, Atlanta, Fulton County, GA.
- 48. vi. MITTIE IRENE SPRUILL, b. 06 Dec 1892, Carroll County GA.
- 49. vii. EVA G. SPRUILL, b. 24 May 1895, Randolph County AL; d. TN.
- 50. viii. MYRTIE LEE SPRUILL, b. 20 Apr 1897, Carroll County GA.
- 51. ix. WILLIAM COHEN SPRUILL, b. 14 Feb 1899, Carroll County GA; d. Dec 1983, Ranburne, Cleburne County, AL.
- 52. x. CORA NOVANA SPRUILL, b. 29 May 1901, Carroll County GA; d. 08 May 1974, Carroll County GA.
- 53. xi. ALMA ROSELLA SPRUILL, b. 03 Jul 1905, Carroll County GA; d. 10 Aug 1994, Bowdon, Carroll County, GA.

29. LOU ELLA⁷ WEIR (*MARTHA FRANCES⁶ SPRUILL, GABRIEL NEWTON⁵, JOHN READ⁴, SAMUEL³, SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹*) was born Feb 1875. She married J. H. JACOBS 20 Oct 1904 in Cleburne County AL.

Child of LOU WEIR and J. JACOBS is:

- i. WILLIE MAE⁸ JACOBS.

30. SUSAN SUDIE⁷ SPRUILL (*L. W. FLETCHER⁶, GABRIEL NEWTON⁵, JOHN READ⁴, SAMUEL³, SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹*) was born Jul 1873 in Carroll County GA, and died 16 Jan 1963. She married JOHN H. HENDRIX 19 Aug 1897 in Cleburne County AL, son of NANCY E. JOHNS. He was born 02 Jan 1871, and died 03 Oct 1940.

Notes for JOHN H. HENDRIX:

1900 Federal census: family living in Cleburne County AL; William F. Spruill, Sudie's 13 year old brother, living in household as boarder.

1920 Federal census: family living in Cleburne County AL; John's mother, Nancy, widow, living in household.

Children of SUSAN SPRUILL and JOHN HENDRIX are:

- i. NINA MAE⁸ HENDRIX, b. 23 May 1898, Cleburne County AL; d. Abt. 1915.
- 54. ii. LUTHER W. HENDRIX, b. 08 Apr 1901, Memphis TN; d. 22 Sep 1968, East Point, Fulton County, GA.
- 55. iii. WILLIAM HURSTON HENDRIX, b. 1904, Cleburne County AL; d. 1973, Greenville SC.
- 56. iv. VIVIAN MELBA HENDRIX, b. 22 Oct 1907, Cleburne County AL; d. 27 Nov 1991, Cobb County GA.

31. MARY A.⁷ SPRUILL (*L. W. FLETCHER⁶, GABRIEL NEWTON⁵, JOHN READ⁴, SAMUEL³, SAMUEL WILLIAM², GODFREY¹*) was born Jan 1879 in Cleburne County AL. She married LOENIDAS HEARD 08 Oct 1897 in Cleburne County AL. He was born Jan 1877, and died Nov 1936.