

Zack Spruill is
the unknown Confederate
soldier buried here

Georgia Confederate
Petersburg, Va. Cem
Blanford Church Cemetery

Marker in the Bowdon
Methodist Church Cemetery
in memory of
Susan MANN Spruill,
wife of Gabriel Spruill -
Great, great grandmother of
Bonnie Fennell Spruill and
great, g, g grandmother of
Hugh, Lewis, Ann & Rebecca

Marker placed here by
Bonnie & Bill in June,
1995 - It is believed
that this is her burial place -
Gabriel married again (2 times?)
(one to a wife) and burial place
is unknown (2004) -

will be buried at
of her
Grandmother -
Methodist Church Cem.
laid by H&B - 1995

Bonnie Fennell of
@ her Great
Grandmother

Bowdon Meth
Church C
Bowdon,
Tenn,

Mrs. Hugh Will Barrow





THE JOHN THOMAS SPRUILL FAMILY

Front row, left to right: Elizabeth, William. John Thomas, Novana, Mattie F., Myrtie and Zach. Back row: Rena, Cllie, Marvin, Nora, and Eva. The doll in the small chair in the front row represents the unborn child that Mattie F. Spruill was carrying at the time the picture was taken. This was Alma Spruill, born 3 July 1905.

Marvin Spruill's dinner bell
Repaired by Lew Spruill Barrow
2004 - At Lew's Farm -

No. 232

STATE OF GEORGIA, CARROLL COUNTY.

To any Minister of the Gospel, Judge, or Justice of the Peace to Celebrate:

You are hereby authorized to join in the HONORABLE STATE OF MATRIMONY

A. L. Higgins

and Miss Albertie J. Bell

according to the Rites of your Church, provided there be no lawful cause to obstruct the same, according to the Constitution and laws of this State, and for so doing this shall be your sufficient license.

Given under my hand and seal, this 12th day of Dec 1882.

H. I. Richards

I Heroby Certify, That

A. L. Higgins

and A. J. Bell

were joined together in the Holy Rites

of Matrimony, on the 12 day of Dec 1882, by me.

W. A. Carson M. G.

No. 233

STATE OF GEORGIA, CARROLL COUNTY.

To any Minister of the Gospel, Judge, or Justice of the Peace to Celebrate:

You are hereby authorized to join in the HONORABLE STATE OF MATRIMONY.

John I. Spencer

and Miss Martha F. Worley

according to the Rites of your Church, provided there be no lawful cause to obstruct the same, according to the Constitution and laws of this State, and for so doing this shall be your sufficient license.

Given under my hand and seal, this 14th day of Dec 1882.

H. I. Richards

I Heroby Certify, That

John I. Spencer

and M. F. Worley

were joined together in the Holy Rites

of Matrimony, on the 21st day of Dec 1882, by me.

J. H. Roaf J. P.

Marring. License of John Thomas Spruell & Martha "Mattie" Worley.

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

STATE OF GEORGIA, CARROLL COUNTY

TO THE ORDINARY OF SAID COUNTY.

The petition of *Miss Myrtle Lee Spruiell* (Petitioner) respectfully sheweth that *John Thomas Spruiell*, resident of said County, departed this life on the *1st* day of *Sept*, 1928, leaving your petitioner as his next of kin, and also leaving a large estate of real and personal property, worth the sum of *about Five thousand* Dollars, and at the time of his death the said *John Thomas Spruiell* was entirely intestate, as your petitioner believes, and heretofore alleged: Wherefore, he prays the usual citation in such cases to issue, in order that he may obtain permanent Letters of Administration on *the money Spruiell* estate, and your petitioner will ever pray.

Myrtle Lee Spruiell
1928

Ordinary COURT OF ORDINARY *Sept 24* 1928

The above petition of *Miss Myrtle Lee Spruiell* that he may obtain Letters of Administration, having been read and considered by me, ordered that the usual citation issue.

E. J. Seid Ordinary.

STATE OF GEORGIA, CARROLL COUNTY.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Miss Myrtle Lee Spruiell having, in proper form, applied to me for Permanent Letters of Administration on the estate of *John Thomas Spruiell*, late of said County, this is to cite all and singular the creditors and next of kin of

John Thomas Spruiell to be and appear at my office within the time allowed by law, and show cause, if any they can, why Permanent Administration should not be granted to *Miss Myrtle Lee Spruiell* on *John Thomas Spruiell* estate.

Witness my hand, and official signature, this *24* day of *Oct*, 1928

E. J. Seid Ordinary.

Ordinary COURT OF ORDINARY.

Nov TERM. *5* 1928

Citation having been duly issued and published, requiring all and singular next of kin and creditors of *John Thomas Spruiell*, deceased, late of said County, to appear at this term and show cause, if any they could, why Permanent Letters of Administration should not be granted to *Miss Myrtle Lee Spruiell* of said County; and they the parties so cited, making no valid objections in the premises, it is ordered by the Court that Letters of Administration issue to *Miss Myrtle Lee Spruiell* as Administrator of *John Thomas Spruiell* upon his giving bond and security in the sum of *Five thousand* Dollars, and taking the usual oath of office.

E. J. Seid Ordinary.

John Thomas Spruiell died intestate -



Jan. 2 - 1877 23-11



John Thomas Spruill

John Thomas Spruill.
Father of Marvin Spruill
Bonnie's Great Father.

March 3, 1917 Age 57

Mother of John Thomas Spruill
John Thomas' Step Father =
William Perry Merrell

March 3, 1917 - Age 57

Susan Stephenson (Spruill) Merrell
Mother of John Thomas Spruill
(Wife of "Zach")
Bonnie's Great Grandmother

John Thomas' Step Father =
William Perry Merrell
(Painter Baptist Preacher)



John Thomas Spruill, his mother and his children
His step father and half brothers & sisters.

Front row 1 to r. Rosa Merrell, Alma Spruill, MAE MERRELL, Lucile Bell, Essie Bell, Mae Gentry, Geneva Gentry, Ellen Bell, Ada Merrell, Jewel Langley, Alice Bell, ?, ELLEN MERRELL, William Merrell, Leona Merrell, ?, Glen Bell, GLEN MERRELL, Mrs. Elmira Garrett.

Second row. ~~Navannah~~ ^{Navannah} Spruill, Eunice Merrell, Bessie Merrell, Flora Bell, Nell Merrell, Aunt Ada Bell, Uncle Homer Merrell, GRANDPA MERRELL, GRANDMA MERRELL, John Spruill holding Ruby Spruill, Frank Merrell, holding Mabel Merrell, Jim Merrell holding Robbie Merrell.

Third row. Frank Gentry, Alice Gentry, CHARLES H. MERRELL holding EDWARD MERRELL, LAURA CHRISTINE MERRELL. Back of Charles. Marvin Spruill, George Merrell, Ollie Spruill, T. Burnett and son, T's wife, ?, Mozelle, Zach Spruill, Josie, Clemma, Carrie Merrell, Lilla Merrell, Letha Merrell, Cohen Merrell, (after Josie) Ruth and George Langley, Leonard and Jewel.

Back row. Henry Garrett, Rena Spruill, Ethel B., Myrtie Spruill, ?, Lizzie, Eva, ?, Ernest Bell, Bill Spruill, John Todd and Clara Todd

This picture was made on the side porch of William Perry Merrell and Susan Ellender Stephenson Merrell at the Merrell Family Reunion, Roopville, Georgia, Spring, 1914.

William & Susan Merrell were the parents of two daughters - Ada Merrell Bell and Dora Merrell Gentry - Six sons - Cohen, Frank, Jim. (Charles and George were twins) and Homer. Susan had one son by a previous marriage, John Thomas Spruill.

Ada married George Bell. Children - Earnest, Lois, Ethel, Flora, Lucile, Glenn, Essie, Alice Ellen, Twins Susie and Dussie died in infancy.

Dora married Arthur Gentry - Frank, Ruth, Clara, Joe, Stella and Lawrence.

Cohen married Letha Holloway - Eunice, William and Leona. Ellis

Frank married Carrie Morris - Bessie, Rosie, Ada, and Mabel.

Jim married Lilla Alexander - Nell, Robbie and Lucy.

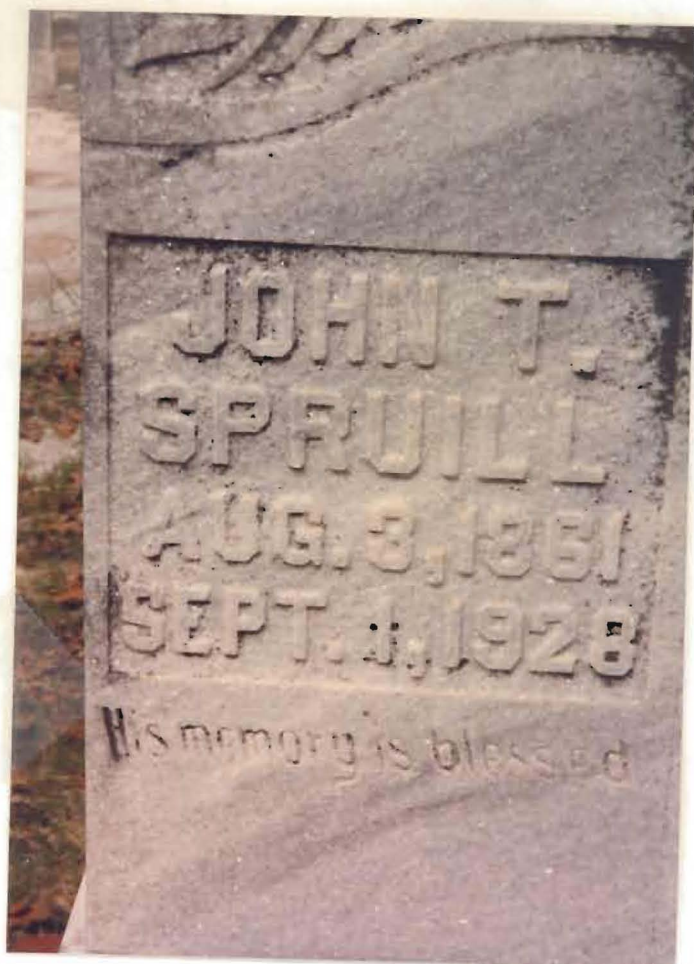
Charles married Laura King - Mae, Glen, Ellen, Christine, Edward, Norman & Dozier.

George married Drucilla Smith - Bernard, Emma, Joseph, Susie & ?. Pearl
Homer married Essie House - Tommy, Paul, Alice and 5 unknown.

John married Mattie Worley - Zach, Marvin, Bill, Ollie, Rena, Myrtie, Lizzie, Navannah, Eva and Alma.

45 grandchildren and 10 step-grandchildren.

* Norah Spruill Burnett



Father of John Marvin
Spruill

—
Hopewell Primitive Baptist
Church in Heard Co.
Near Rossville, Ga.

Bonnie's Grandfather.

Parents of John Marvin
Spruill —

Bonnie's Grandparents

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church
Heard Co. Ga
Near Rossville, Ga.

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church
Heard County - Rossville, GA.

take U.S. 27 S. of Carrollton
R (west) on Deal Rd. 4 or 5 mile
Look for Church sign directions -
Not on main road - turn right
on gravel road - follow signs

John T. Spruill + "Mattie" Martha
Frances ~~Brown~~ Worley Spruill

Bonnie's Grandparents -