

ESTATE OF

Sprague, Benjamin

Attached
Deceased

Incompetent
Insane

Insolvent
Legatee

Minor
Trust

TOWN OF Lebanon

DATE 1754 NO. 3529

**Windham
Probate District**

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Remarks

An Inventory of the personal and Real Estate
of Benjamin Spragg late of Lebanon New Jersey
made and taken by us the subscribers being
under oath being on this 22nd Day of January
A^{no} Dom: 1754 In proclamation made

one old Gray Coat	£	10	-	0
one Blue old coat & Jacket	0	08	-	0
Two Linny shirts	0	10	-	0
Shore pare of stockings	0	05	-	0
Two pair of shoes	0	02	-	0
Two old Cairns	0	01	-	6
one Bed and furniture	1	12	-	0
one Bed with covering and 9 sheets	1	00	-	0
Three of all cloths	0	11	-	0
Six Napkins	0	14	-	0
Pillow Case & napkins and towel	1	09	-	0
one Bed covering bedsted & cord	5	00	-	0
one Bed bedsted with covering	2	00	-	0
one Bed	1	00	-	0
one Quabang	0	10	-	0
one plain chest	0	06	-	0
one plain stable	0	06	-	0
one plain stable	0	10	-	0
one table Chest of Drawes	3	00	-	0
one chest of Drawes	2	00	-	0
one Dillo	0	12	-	0
one Hand	0	00	-	0
Eight Chairs	0	00	-	0
one Gun	1	00	-	0
Puter platen, platt cups, pots & pieces	2	00	-	0
one warming pan	2	14	-	0
one Brass Kettle	2	00	-	0
one pane of wool Combs	0	16	-	0
one pane of lillygs	0	05	-	0
one Iron pot	0	10	-	0
two Iron of amill	0	08	-	0
toplin Iron	0	03	-	0
one Fleax hatchel	1	00	-	0
one small Iron pot & Iron Camp	0	06	-	0
	0	03	-	0

one Iron goose Pike and Tongue	0	08	0
Box Iron & Gleaners & a pair of shears	0	05	0
Nines & Forks	0	04	0
Sea pott & Sea dishes	0	05	0
large glass Bettle & vials & other glass	0	10	0
one Looking Glass	0	08	0
one old Chest & Drawers	0	06	0
one churn pales & wooden ware	0	04	0
three spinning wheels & a Cockneal	0	02	0
one Earthen milk pail & an earthen pot	0	05	0
one Iron puding pain & Iron hoops	0	03	0
one meal trough & two wash tubs	0	08	0
one meal trough & sieve & a comb	0	05	0
Six Barrels	0	05	0
2 Stone Jug & a Chamber mug	1	00	0
17 empty Cask	0	12	0
a great Bible & other Books	4	00	0
Two men tables & a five table	0	04	0
one Bridle	0	04	0
one Cow Bell	0	04	0
Five Bushel wheat: 11 Bushel Ric	2	13	0
oats 10 Bushel at 1/3 a bushel	0	10	0
Six Bushel of Barley at 4/9	1	04	0
20 Bushel of perlubers at 1/2	1	00	0
50 Bushel of Gudean Corn at 2/6	5	00	0
Sum more than a barrel of pork	4	00	0
Half a barrel of Beef	1	04	0
Three Stone Swine	2	08	0
Four Fat Swine	4	00	0
one fowl mane	18	00	0
one Brown mane	06	00	0
Six Cows at 35/7	21	00	0
one pane yearlin steer	04	00	0
Four Calves	04	00	0
one pane of Oxen	7	12	0
one pane of Looms	0	00	10
feathers	0	00	0
one Carpet Sheep	0	00	0

one note against John Symes —————
 old tenor 17 £ 18 in lawful money 1 10 0
 Joseph malcoms note old tenor 30 £ lawful money 3 00 0
 Jam. Belnaps note 8 £ old tenor lawful money 0 10 0
 woofed & woollen yarn ————— 0 00 0
 one meal Bag ————— 0 02 0
 one flay ————— 0 04 0
 two Gamers flays one Curving knife ————— 0 08 0
 Inn Hotel £. ~~1000~~ 1000 0
 Land and Buildings Lawful money £. 149 3 0

Husbandry Tools

Two old axes hatchet and cleas. — 0 10 0
 old peave chains ————— 0 08 0
 one Ditching wife at 4, an old dangle ^{2 1/2} — 0 06 0
 one old hump and 1 Rattle ring, coping — 0 06 0
 and pin & one grove wedge ————— 0 03 0
 Two sickles ————— 0 00 0
 Two hammers Bradin Iron & one oager — 0 05 0
 Nail hammer two chisels & pinchers ^{note 1/2 grove} — 10 00 0
 Cart and wheels Cart Irons copy & pin — 0 00 0
 one Ax ————— 1 04 0
 Plows & Plow Irons ————— 0 02 0
 one pitchfork ————— 0 02 0
 4 old Irons ————— 9 06 0

150 acres of Land, with Buildings ————— ~~1000~~ 1000 0
 The Inn Hotel of the whole — £ ~~1000~~ 1000 0
 Lawful money £ 115 8 0
 Stephen Strong
 Caleb H. De
 Joseph Davis } April 7 1791

In the Name of God Amen This twenty-Eighth Day of
January 1747, I Benjamin Sprague of Lebanon in
the County of Windham & Colony of Connecticut in
New England being weak & infirm in Body but of sound
mind & Memory Thanks be given unto God, and calling my
unto mind My own Mortality & knowing that it is
pointed unto all Men once to die so more, & ordain
this my last will & Testament. that is to say I do first
of all Give & Commend My Soul into the hand of God
that gave it, & my Body I commend to the Earth
to be Buried in Decent Christian Manner at the Discretion
of My Executors, not doubting but I shall Receive
the Same again at the Gods Resurrection by the mighty
Power of God. — and as touching Such worldly Estate
wherein it hath Pleas'd God to Bless Me in this Life
after all my just Debts & Funeral Expenses are Paid I
give, bequeath & Dispose it in the Following Manner
and Form.

Item I give & bequeath unto Abigail My Beloved wife after
my just Debts are paid, out of all my Stock & Moveables with
in door & without (except only my husbandry Tackling &
implements) to be her own & her heirs for ever, & also the
use of of one third part of My house & Barn & the Farm
I now live on during her Natural Life, & the use of all
the Farm I now live on & of each Sons Part until the
Sons to whom I give it — Come of age successively —
Item to my dearest Son John to whom I have given a Farm
which I valued in the Time of it at four hundred Pounds
I account thereof, The whole Portion that I can justly give
Him.

Item To My Son Eliakim I have given a Farm & built him an
house which I valued at Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds
in the Time of it & have since given him considerable
old & new Money & I do moreover will & bequeath to him
Twenty Pounds Money.

Item To My Daughter Mary since deceased I had given during her
Life the value of one Hundred & ninety Pounds which
I esteemed her full Portion but I do give hereby to her
two Children which she has left Five Pounds Money
Each of them as a Token of My Love to them.

Item To My Son William to whom I have already given
the value of Two hundred & Twenty Four Pounds, &
whereas William is now justly indebted to Me one hun-
dred, & Seventy Pounds old Tenar My will is that upon
my decease he should have of That one hundred Pounds
the Remaining Seventy Pounds he shall pay to My Estate

Item to My Daughter Jemtha to whom I have already given the value of Seventy seven Pounds ten Shillings I Give Twenty Two Pounds Ten Shillings Money More to be paid out of My Estate.

Item to My Son Phinehas I Give The Little House & Barn across the way & all the Land which adjoyns to it which I had of the Reverend Tisdale, & Jonathan Clarke The whole containing about twenty Acres lying on the Northward side of the Lane going from the Meeting house to Windham, the Paying to My Estate the Sum of one Hundred Pounds Money Immediately after My Decease.

Item To My Son Benjamin I Give Two hundred & Fifty Pounds Money to be paid out of My Estate.

Item to My Four Daughters which I have by My present wife viz Abigail, Lydia, Esther, & Mary, I will & Bequeath to them each of them one hundred Pounds to be paid out of My Estate.

Item To My Three Younger Sons which I have by My present wife viz Silas, Elkanah, & Minor, after the Legacies which I have Bequeathed are paid out of it so far as is needful to use the Lands to pay them I Give My House & Barn, & The Farm of Newlice on to be Equally divided between them as they successively come of age. and My will is that in all the Legacies which I have mentioned to be paid out of My Estate that Medium or Sums of Money expressed to be paid be understood to be Money as the value of old Tenor & not otherwise — and if it is My will that all the Legacies which I have ordered to be paid to My several Children shall be paid to them that are of age within one year after My Decease, & unto those who are not of age they shall be paid to them as they successively come of age. and My will is that what is due to Me from My Sons William & Phinehas, or what is to be paid by them shall go toward paying the Legacies, & the Rest shall be paid out of the Lands which I have given to My three Sons Silas, Elkanah, & Minor & the Land shall be sold so much as is needful to pay them out of each Sons Part Equally & I Give My Executors full Power to Sell it for that End so much as shall be needful.

and I do hereby Make My Ordinance Abigail, Mary, & Esther

Me & Long williams & Blackman, Deeds & Executors
of this My Last Will & Testament

and I do hereby utterly disannul & Make
void all & every other Wills Testaments Legacies &
bequests & Executors by Me in any ways before Nam
I will or Bequeathed, Ratifying & Confirming
this & No other to be my Last Will & Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my
hand & Seal the Day & Year above written
Signed Sealed Published Pro-
nounced & declared by the afore-
named Benjamin Sprague
to be his Last will & Testament
In presence of us.
Solomon Williams
Joseph Blackman
Mehitable Throop

Benjamin Sprague

Winham County, Lebanon January 8th 1754. Then Came
& Personally appeared The Rev. Mr Solomon Williams, & Mr.
Joseph Blackman, Two of the Witnesses, who subscribed the
foregoing Last Will & Testament of The late Mr Benis
Sprague of Lebanon (Deceased), (The other Witness was Mr.
Mehitable Throop being gone out of New England) and they
made Solemn Oath that they knew the P^r Testator Benjamin
Sprague, sign, seal & Publish the foregoing Instrument
to be his Last Will & Testament; & that they with
The other subscribing Witnesses aforementioned, Set to their
Hands ^{at the same time} as Witnesses in the presence of The Testator, and
that they then Judged him The P^r Testator to be of
Sound & disposing mind & Memory.

Sworn Before me Son; drumble Just. Lacey
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The last will & Testament
of Benjaⁿ Sprague
Deceased. Subl. & Examined

6th February 1755

Recorded

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At a Court of Probates held at Lebanon in the District of
Windham on the 8th day of January anno domini 1754.

Present }

Jonathan Tammie Esq. Judge
Jehubb Robinson, Clerk

Then the within Last will and Testament of Mr Benjaⁿ Sprague deceased was exhibited into this Court by the Executors therein named to be approved and allowed and the same is by this Court approved allowed and ordered to be Recorded and kept file according to Law — and the Executors personally appeared in P^r Court and accepted the Trust each one of them and took the oath in P^r Court according to Law — Test Johⁿ Robinson Clerk

We Joshua west Stephen Strong and Joseph Dena all of Lebanon
 Executors being appointed by order of a Court of probates held at Lebanon
 in the District of ^{New-Hampshire} dated March 12: 1754 with full power according to law
 to divide the house barn and farm on which Benjamin Sprague late of Lebanon
 deceased last dwelt to and among the several legateses to whom it was
 given mentioned in his said last will and testament according to the true
 intent and meaning of the testator in his said last will and testament and
 being sworn to a faithful discharge of said trust, in pursuance of said Order
 we have vided the said house barn and farm and have divided and set it out
 to the several legateses to whom it was given mentioned in said last will
 and testament ^{as follows} viz to Abigail Sprague the widow Relict of said deceased one
 third part of said house barn and farm for quantity and quality being about four
 seven acres of land in three pieces one piece about 20 rods of land Contain-
 ing the back part of the house All the heartoo and kitchen and all the gar-
 dening adjoining to ~~the~~ it bounded by a stone wall abround to the house
 and also the bed chamber in ^{the} norwesterly corner of the house with
 liberty of passing and repasing so much as is needful to use and improve
 it another piece about thirty acres the north end of it bounded on the highway
 37 rods 18 rods and an half an land set out to ^{mine} Miner and 18 rods and an half
 one land set to Silas and so running on each side from the afor said beginning
 south 28 degrees East 130 rods to the brook another piece about 17 acres at
 the southwoudly end of the farm bounded beginning at the westerly corner of the
 wood lot set out to miner and from thence running south 28 degrees East by said
 wood lot 38 rods and thence the same course 44 rods to land of ^{Benjamin} Benjamin
 from thence running south 29 degrees East 27 rods and from thence running and abut-
 ing on said pair's land 20 rods to the brook from thence running northwoudly
 and abutting westerly on the Brook about 80 rods to an ash stalle and
 from thence to the first mentioned boundary and also liberty of passing and
 repasing on the land set of to Silas so much as is needful to improve
 it ^{the above said} viz by 25 pieces of land with the several parts thereof being her natural
 life and to Silas the eldest of the three sons mentioned in said last will and testa-
 ment to whom the said house barn and farm was given to be divided equally
 we have set of 53 acres and an half of land in two pieces one piece 3
 3 acres and an half bounded ^{with always for the part beginning} beginning at a heap of stones by the highway
 from thence running northwoudly by the highway 5 rods to a heap of stones and
 from thence running Easterly and abutting northwoudly on land of Iron or fish
 15 rods to a heap of stones from thence running ~~abutting on land~~
 south 23 degrees East and abutting Easterly on land set of to Elkanah 30 rods
 to a heap of stones thence running south 62 degrees west by land set of to ^{at} ~~to~~ ^{Elkanah}
 to land set of to Miner 20 rods to a heap of stones and from thence by land
 set of to miner 30 rods to the first boundary by the highway another piece
 of land 50 acres ^{with always for the part beginning} bounded ^{as follows} beginning at a heap of stones the northwoudly
 corner of land set out to Elkanah from thence running south 14 degree
 Easterly 19 rods to a black oak stalle from thence by Elkanah's
 Easterly 19 rods to a heap of stones then turning and run-
 ning south 26 degrees East 30 rods to a stake and stones by a ditch
 running south 42 degrees and 30 minutes west 24 rods to a ballnut tree by the brook
 from thence running south 13 degrees East 40 rods to a ballnut tree above
 from thence running Easterly and south Easterly as the brook runs above
 90 rods to land of ^{Benjamin} Benjamin from thence running Easterly and abutting southwoudly
 on said pair's land 20 rods and from thence running by said pair's land north
 29 degrees East ^{to} land of Dan throop from thence running by said pair's land
 north 33 degrees west 20 rods to a corner of a piece of land set to Miner
 from thence south 57 degrees west by said Miner's land 44 rods to a heap of stones
 by a stone wall and from thence running north 28 degrees west by land set
 out to miner and Elkanah to a heap of stones 82 rods from thence running
 north 57 degrees East 36 rods to land of Iron fish to a heap of stones and from
 thence running north ^{on} 33 degrees west 44 rods by said fish his land and from thence
 running by said fish his land to the first mentioned boundary to have the said

said Silas Sprague his heirs and assigns to hold in severalty
 and to Elkanah the second of the three sons to whom the said house barn and
 farm given to Edward Speer we have set of 47 acres ~~containing~~ in three
 pieces one piece containing about a quarter with one half of the house
 and a third part of the barn bounded beginning at the corner of the stone
 wall by the highway from thence running as the stone wall runs to the wood
 side of the house to the middle of the door 3 rods and 7 links from thence run
 eastwardly through the middle of the chimney and on the southeast side of it
 reach then turning to the middle of the well and from the east end
 the most southwardly corner of the barn floor from thence running east by the side of the
 barn floor to the aforesaid highway from thence running and abutting northwardly on the
 aforesaid highway Eleven rods and five feet to the first mentioned boundary then
 the stone wall an other piece containing 36 acres and 3/4 parts of an acre beginning at
 a heap of stones from thence running south 28 degrees East by land set of to silas 30 rods to a heap of stones from
 thence running south 62 degrees west 20 rods to a heap of stones from thence running
 south 28 degrees East ~~and~~ abutting southwardly on land set of to
 mineer 100 rods to an ash stake by the brook from thence running eastwardly
 the brook about 28 rods to a butternut tree from thence running north 13 degrees west
 70 rods by land set of to silas to a stake and stones by a ditch from thence running
 north 42 degrees and 30 minutes East 24 rods to a heap of stones from thence running
 26 degrees west 30 rods to a black oak stake from thence running north 14 degrees
 by land set of to silas 19 rods to a heap of stones by land of Brook fish and from
 running westwardly by said fish his land 16 rods from thence running south 7 1/2
 rods by land fish his land to the first mentioned boundary an other piece contain
 10 acres with allowance for the port highway bounded being at a heap of stones
 Cap-~~at~~ hoops land from thence running south 57 degrees west by land set of to
 40 rods to a heap of stones from thence running to a heap of stones from thence run
 28 degrees west by land set of to silas 4 rods to a heap of stones from thence run
 by land set of to silas 36 rods to land of said fish to a heap of stones from thence run
 by said fish his land 4 rods to the first mentioned boundary to him the Elkanah to
 heirs and assigns to hold in severalty and to mineer the younger of the
 three sons to whom the said house barn and farm is given to be divided equally we have
 one fourth five eighths of land in two pieces one piece containing 36 acres with one half of the
 house and two thirds of the barn bounded beginning at the westwardly corner ~~of~~ at the build from
 the house and westwardly bounded beginning at the stone wall runs to the southwardly
 thence running northwardly and abutting northwardly on the highway 31 rods to the
 corner of the stone wall from thence running as the stone wall runs to the southwardly
 corner of the house and near the same corner by the southeast side of the house
 the middle of the door 3 rods and 7 links from thence running northwardly cross the brook
 and to the middle of the well and to the most southwardly corner of the barn floor eleven
 rods and from thence running northwardly across by the side of the house to the corner
 from thence running northwardly by the highway 43 rods to a heap of stones from thence running
 south 28 degrees East by land set of to silas and Elkanah 130 rods to the first mentioned boundary
 from thence running and abutting on the brook about 150 rods to the first mentioned boundary
 the other piece containing 10 acres near the Eastwardly corner of said farm bounded beginning at
 a heap of stones in the line of Captain Throop's land 20 rods distant from Benjamin's point
 from thence running north 33 degrees west by said Throop's land 38 rods to a heap of stones from
 thence running south 57 degrees west by land set of to Elkanah 40 rods to a heap of stones by
 stone wall from thence running by said stone wall south 28 degrees East 38 rods to a heap of
 stones from thence running 4 rods to the first mentioned boundary then his heirs to hold in severalty
 the house barn and farm we have divided equally for quantity and quality and set apart
 to the said Silas Elkanah and mineer as above said according to the true intent and mea
 -ing of the said testator in his said last will and testament by our best judgment in
 witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this first day of may A D 1754

Stephen Hoony
 Joseph Gann
 Joshua West } Distributors

The Return of the Division
of the Real Estate of
Benj^t Sprague deced^t.
Exhibited 6th May 1754.

Recorded 6th July 1754
W. J. Robinson Register

The Distribution of
Benjamin Sprague's
Estate