

North Carolina, ss.

In the name of God Amen

I, John Bright, of the precincts of Hyde planted, being in good health of body & of sound mind & perfect memory, praise be therefore given unto almighty God do make & ordain this my present last will & testament in manner & form following (that is to say)

First & principally I commend my soul unto the hands of almighty God hoping through the merits, death & passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ, to have full & free pardon & forgiveness of all my sins & to inherit everlasting life. And my body I commit to the earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, And as touching such temporall Estate as it hath pleased almighty God to bestow upon me, I give & dispose thereof as followeth.

First I will that all my Debts & funeral expenses shall be paid & discharged.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Henry three hundred forty & two acres of land lying near the mouth of Matchapungo Creek next adjoining to yet land of Mr. Wm Carding, to him my said son Henry & his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Richard and his heirs forever two hundred & fifty acres of land lying on Blades Creek on East side Matchapungo River, being the land whereon my son Richard now dwells.

Item I give unto my son Simon & his heirs forever after the decease of my loving wife Elizabeth, one full fourth part of the tract of land whereon I now dwell on Matchapungo River to be paid off so as to contain therein the plantation wherein I now dwell.

Item I give unto my son James and his heirs forever one other full fourth part of the

aforsaid tract of land to be laid off next adjoining
to ye land above given to my son Simon.

Item I give unto my son William and his heirs forever,
one other full fourth part of the aforsaid tract of
land to be laid off next adjoining to the land
above given unto my sd son James.

Item I give unto my son John the other full fourth
part of the sd tract lying between the land above
given unto my said sons James, Simon & Wm &
the back line of the said tract, to him my said
son John and his heirs forever.

Item I give unto my daughter Mary, wife of William
Wynn one cow & calf.

Item I give unto my daughter Lydia one cow
and calf.

All the rest & residue of my estate goods & chattels
whatssoever I give & bequeath unto my ever loving
wife Elizabeth whom I do hereby appoint full &
sole Executrix of this my last will & testament
and I do hereby revoke disannul & make void all
former wills & testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I the said John Bright have
set my hand & seal to this my last will & testament
the ninth day of January Anno Dom 1720.

Signed sealed published
and declared in presence

John ^{his} Bright ^{Seal}
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William ^{his} Webster
Edward ^{his} Stafford
G. White

In the Name of God Amen.

I, James Seat of the precinct of Hyde being of sound & perfect
mind & memory praise be therefore given to almighty
God do make & ordain this my present last will
& testament in manner & form following that is to say
First and principally I commend my soul into the
hands of almighty God; hoping through the merits
death & passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ, to have
full & free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins
and to inherit everlasting life; And my body
I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the
discretion of my Executors hereafter named; And as
touching the disposition of all such temporal Estate
as it hath pleased almighty God to bestow upon me
I give & dispose thereof as followeth.

First I will that my debts be truly paid & satisfied.

Item I give unto Mrs. Ann Webster wife of Mr. William
Webster the sum of Forty Shillings to buy her ring.

Item I give unto Sarah Tharawgood Daughter of the
above Mrs. Ann Webster one good young gentle
cow & calf & my two best muslin neck cloths.

Item I will that all my sheep male & female be equally
divided between Ann Tharawgood & Hardy Tharawgood
Daughters of the above Mrs. Webster and I do give
& bequeath them unto them accordingly.

Item I give unto Eleanor Welch Daughter of Mr. James
Welch one good young gentle cow & calf.

Item I give & bequeath unto my loving friend William
" " all my other wearing apparel the two
neck cloths above given excepted.

All the rest and residue of my Estate lying & being
in this province I do give & bequeath unto my
loving friend Mr. James Welch whom I do appoint
sole Executor of this my last will & testament
and I do hereby revoke disannul & make void
all former wills & testaments by me heretofore
made.

In witness whereof I have unto this my sd