

In the Name of God Amen, I John Bruce of the County
of Amelia being weak & Low, but of sound & perfect Memory
blessed be Almighty God for it do make and ordains this my last
Will & Testament in manner & form Following
I hereby I lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Bruce two negroes
(to wit, Harry and Lucy during her natural life
I hereby I lend unto my said wife Elizabeth during her Widowhood
the Land and plantation whereon I now live, I also lend unto my
said wife all my stock of hogs, cattle and sheep, during her life
I hereby I lend unto my said wife two horses
I hereby I give and bequeath after the death of my said wife Elizabeth
my land whereon I now live between my sons Nelson Bruce, Jr.^r Bruce
and the Child my wife is now Pregnant with provided it be a son to be
Equally divided, I hereby I give and bequeath after the death of my wife
Elizabeth my two negroes Harry and Lucy together with their Increase
unto my daughters Chloe Bruce & Molly Bruce, and the Child my wife
be now Pregnant with provided it should be a daughter to be equally
divided, I hereby I lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth all my house hold &
kitchen Furniture, together with my plantation Utensils during her
Widowhood, . . . I hereby my Will and desire is that all my household &
kitchen Furniture and all the rest and Residue of my Estate not hereby
before mentioned should be equally divided between Chloe Bruce, Molly
Bruce, Nelson Bruce, John Bruce & the Child my wife be now Pregnant
with to be Equally divided, Lastly I nominate and Appoint my loving
Wife Elizabeth Bruce my friend Nathaniel & Robertson Executors of
this my last Will & Testament, In Witness Whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & affixed my Seal this 21st day of August in the year of our Lord
one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Nine
Signed & sealed in presence of
John Dorewell
Thomas J. Phillips
John Bruce