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Deputy of Centine Court 7th 16th
Full Session 1st 4th 193

Shall be Divided among the Legators }
with Interest from the 19th August 1804 } 8 7 17 1/2

This Certificate for Bond at the Court House the 24th day of
September 1804

This Certificate of Settlement of the Accounts
Commons of the State of James Jackson with the Executors
was exhibited in Court & ordered to be recorded.

Teste Stephen C. 1806

R. Bruce }
Will }
I, Richard Bruce of the County of Bedford in the State of
Virginia being of sound mind and disposing memory knowing
the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time when it
will happen do ordain and establish this to be my last will and
Testament in manner as follows following, That is to say, I give
and bequeath unto my wife Nancy Bruce my House & Servants
viz. Fild, Betty, Betty & her Child, Nelson & Betty, also old mares
and Sacks my carriage now repair in in Richmond and Kings
to her use forever, fully conveying to my said wife an absolute
and unqualified right and title to the said House & Carriage and
Servants. In like manner I do hereby bestow in my said wife
Nancy the use and occupation of my Dwelling House with all my
furniture of every Description and the furniture in my House as it
now stands in full my Executors with her consent may think it
necessary. It is also my express intention that all papers shall

remain on the paper of said my said Wife and subject to be
 committed or impounded by my Executors or any other person
 as to the Debts which are owing to me being inconsiderable
 they are contained in a small blue covered Book to which
 reference may be had. I do moreover dispose of all my
 Property real and personal (the above named Slaves, Carriage
 and Wearing excepted) among several Children equally
 to be divided, my Lands to be surveyed and Divided into
 Lots with due regard to quality and quantity, my Slaves
 to be classed into as equal in point of Value and Number
 as may be, and in this manner or coming of Age of any
 of my Children this my Will that they severally shall receive
 their Legacies, and for this purpose I do authorize my
 Executors to make settlements for the Division of my said
 Property real and personal and after the Division is made
 the share among my Children to be determined by casting
 Lots which is to be superintended by my Executor and such
 determination by him to be committed to writing immediately
 and to be recorded in Court. But it is expressly my Determina-
 tion that any thing in this Will shall not be so construed as
 to debar my Wife of the use and third of my said Estate.
 I do desire that any Order may be made in a Decent manner,
 avoiding the ceremony of having me buried as if my
 days being changed, that I may be interred near my
 infant Child, who died some time ago, that I may be
 conserved to the Graves by a few Friends as it may be

Infant Child, who died some time ago, that I may be
convinced to the grave by a few Friends only, with no
other ceremony than that of some one of them delivering
an appropriate Address, uniting forms that may even
beiden on those used by the Church of England or Rome
which I always have conceived to be superstitious
I do by these presents appoint and nominate my Friends
Rev. Mr. John Smith, James Stephens Jr. of this County &
Mr. Bishop William Prince of N. Carolina my
Executors to the my Last Will and Testament hereby
revoaking and annulling all Wills by me heretofore made
In Testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand
& Seal this twenty seventh day of April One Thousand
Eight hundred and four

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John Smith
James Smith
Bishop W. Prince

Richd. D. Smith

I do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing provision
made in and for my Wife Mary Prince Will and
decide that she shall have the use of the one third part
of my Slaves during her life, not including those
specially devised to her in my foregoing Will, and I do
direct that this my Codicil to my Will shall be equally
used to all interests and purposes binding as my other
device before mentioned

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Richd. D. Smith

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And by these presents approved and manifested my Friends
James William Jones Justice of the Peace for this County &
my Brother William Bruce of N. Carolina my
Counsellors to the my Last Will and Testament hereby
revoking and annulling all Wills by me heretofore made
In Testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand
at New York the twenty seventh day of April One Thousand
Eight hundred and forty.

Witness my hand
John Bruce
James Bruce wife of John
John P. Skillman

Richd. Bruce

I do more over in addition to the foregoing provision
make to and for my wife Mary Bruce wife and
decide that she shall have to her use the one third part
of my slaves during her life not including those
specially devised to her in my foregoing Will, and I do
order that this my Codicil to my Will shall be equally
valid to all intents and purposes binding as my other
devises before mentioned.

Witness my hand
John Bruce
James Bruce wife of John
John P. Skillman

Richd. Bruce

At a Court held at Bedford County at the Court House
the 25th day of September 1806

the 25th day of September 1857

of Richard's Birth Day was celebrated at home and proved
by the Order of William P. Smith, John Price and Henry Price
the subscribing Witnesses & Ordered to be recorded, and the Executors
of the Will were not a signifying to take upon themselves the burden
of the Execution thereof, - On the nomination of Mary Price &
James Atwell who were co-plaintiffs and together with William
C. Mitchell William C. Anthony & James C. Septers their
Securities entered into & acknowledged their Bond in the
County of Trinity Thaisard Dollars conditioned as the
Law & Courts of this State is required them for obtaining Dollars
of Administration on the said Decedent's Estate with the

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Agreeable to an Order of the Township Board of Bedford of July 1884. We the undersigned have this day proceeded to appraise the personal Estate of Jeremiah Ketcher Deceased in the following manner to wit

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