

James Bruce

Will

In the Name of God Amen I James Bruce of the Parish of
Saint Andrew and County of Brunswick being Sick and weak of
Body but of Sound and Disposing mind and Memory thanks be to
Almighty God for the same DO make and Ordain this my Last
will and Testament in Manner & form following Inprimis my
Will and Desire is first that all my Just Debts be duly paid
and Discharged Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter
Hannah Bruce One Feather bed & furniture One Negro Girl
Littice two cows & calves to her and her Heirs forever Item I give
and Bequeath to my Daughter Mary Bruce One feather bed and
furniture One Negro Girl Jenny two cows & calves to her and her
Heirs forever Item I give & Bequeath to my Son James Bruce One
feather bed & furniture two cows & calves One Negro boy Taffy
and five pounds cash to purchase him a Horse to him and his
Heirs forever Item I give and Bequeath to my Son John Bruce One

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furniture One Negro Girl Jenny two cows & calves to her and her
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and five pounds cash to purchase him a Horse to him and his
Heirs forever. Item I give and Bequeath to my Son John Bruce One
feather bed & furniture two cows & calves One Negro Girl Dinah
and five ⁴⁻⁹ pounds cash to purchase him a Horse also One Black
Walnut Desk to him and his Heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath
to Robert Ruffin of the County of Dinwiddie the two Tracts of Land I
sold him lying on Montro Neck Creek in the said County provided
the said Robert Ruffin or his Heirs shall pass a good and sufficient
Title to the eight hundred Acres of Land I have purchased of him lying on
the North Side of the Roanoke River in the County of Dinwiddie to be

laid off by a line to be run Beginning at the Mouth of Gunns branch to include
 the said eight hundred — acres to my two Sons James and John or their
 Heirs in Manner as I shall hereafter Direct to him & his Heirs forever —
 From my will and Desire is that my Land be Equally divided between my two
 Sons and I do Appoint my Friends James Parham and Robert Roicks to —
 make the said Division as soon as convenient it may be done to them and
 their Heirs forever and my Desire is that my Son John Shall have that part
 of the land whereon my plantation is. From I give and bequeath — to
 my Son James fifty pounds cash to build him Houses as there is no plantation
 on his part the land to him and his Heirs forever. From I give and Bequeath
 to my loving wife Margret Bruce During her Natural Life or widowhood
 the use of my three Negroes to wit, Sam, Adia, & Quee also all my household
 furniture three Horses and all my Stock of all kinds whatsoever and at
 her Death or Marriage my will & Desire is that my Negroes and all my
 personal Estates not before given be Equally divided between my two Sons

Children but in case either of my Said Children shall have the Will or
to have part or the whole of their Legacies already Given them my will
is and desire, that they may have the same Reimbursed them out of my House
and personal Estate before a Division be made and the Remainder to be
divided as aforesaid to them & their Heirs forever Lastly I Constitute
and Appoint my Loving wife whole and Sole Executrix of this my
last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have the 26th of
March 1767 Signed Sealed Published and Declared this to be my last will
and Testament hereby Revoking all former will or wills by me
heretofore made —

Signed Sealed published
and Declared in presence of

John Black

James Parham

Mary Parham

James Bruce (S^r)

At a Court held for Brunswick County
the 27th Day of April 1767

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presented in Court Sworn to by Margaret Bruce the Executrix thereof

and desire, that they may have the same reimbursed them a Log Cabin Horse
and personal Estate before a Division be made and the Remainder to be
divided as aforesaid to them & their heirs forever Lastly I constitute
and appoint my Loving wife whole and sole Executrix of this my
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proved by the oaths of John Black and James Parham two of the Jurors

hereto and Orders to be Recorded and on the Motion of the said Executrix
 Certificate is granted her for Obtaining a probate thereof in due form
 She having with James Farham and Lewis Thorpe her Securities
 entered into and Acknowledged bond in the penalty of Two Thousand
 Epam. / pounds with condition according to law

Test. N. Edwards. J. D.C.

George Durham In the Name of God Amen I George Durham of the
 Will County of Brunswick and Parish of Saint Andrew being of perfect
 Sense and Memory do make and Ordain this my last will and
 Testament in Manner and form following Inprimis I Desire in
 all that my tract of Land lying on the Branches of great Creete
 containing 102 Acres and Joyning Col. Nicholas Emunds And others
 to be sold and my Debts paid with the Money I am I give and bequeath
 to my son James Lindsey Durham the Land and plantation whereon