

Beville Estate } In the name of God Amen. The next day of February in the year one thousand
one thousand seven hundred and ninety three I Edward Beville Lord of Northampton
County being in health and of perfect mind and Memory Thanks be to God for it and
knowing that it is a ~~apothegm~~ for all men to die do make and declare this my last
Will and Testament that is to say first I Give certify & recommend my Soul into
the hands of mercifully God that gave it, and my Body to the earth from whence it was
taken, to be buried in a Christian and decent Burial at the discretion of my Executors and
as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me in this life with
I give, devise and bequeath of in manner and form following: that is to say First I will
that all my just Debts to be paid by my Executors hereafter mentioned. Then I leave
unto my beloved wife Esther Beville one hundred acres of Land including the
Plantation and House whereon I now live also two negroes and Pigs and Hens
and fowls and furniture Eight head of Cattle Six head of Sheep twelve head
of Hogs and Bay mare by name Bob. one Cotton and one Flax wheel, one parlor
Table six Chairs all the pewter and Mahogany furniture during her Natural life
and at her Decease my true and Desire is that all the before mentioned Estates unto
my wife (except the land & Plantation) shall be Equally divided among all my Children
being born before me and my Sons Susanah Beville John Beville Edward

Wife and Testament. That is to say first and I give and bequeath unto
the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my Body to the earth from whence it was
taken, to be buried in a Christian and decent Burial, at the discretion of my Executors and
as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleas'd God to bless me in this life with
I give, devise and bequeath of in manner and form following: That is to say First I will
that all my just Debts to be paid by my Executors hereafter mentioned. Then I leave
unto my beloved wife Peter Beville one hundred acres of Land including the
Plantation and I leave likewise I leave also two negroes to wit Peter and China
one feather Bed and furniture Eight head of Cattle Six head of Sheep twelve head
of Hogs, one Bay mare by name Robt one Cotton and one Flax wheel, one pine
Table, six Chairs all the pewter and Kitchen furniture during her natural life
and at her Decease my will and Desire is that all the before mentioned articles to be
my wife except the Land & Plantation } shall be Equally divided among all my Children
now living to wit, Ann Neal, Susannah Beville, John Beville, Edward
Beville junr, Elizabeth Beville, Martha Hollaway, Maria Beville and Robert
Beville, to them and their heirs forever. I then I give unto my son John
Beville

Beise fifty acres of Land adjoining the Plantation where he now lives
 also one negro man named James, to him and his heirs forever. I give
 unto my son Edward Beise, all the Land that I possess lying on the West side
 of the new road, also one negro man by name Ben, to him and his heirs forever.
 I give unto my son Robert Beise, all the land in part of my land
 now in my possession, together with the Land or Plantation before lent
 unto my wife at her decease, also one negro boy by name Carter one
 feather Bed and furniture, five head of cattle, ten head of hogs four
 head of Sheep, four Chairs, and one Dish, to him and his heirs forever.
 I give unto my Daughter Ann Neal one feather Bed & furniture
 to her and her heirs forever. I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth
 Beise one negro girl by name Grace, one horse, Coll, one feather Bed
 and furniture, to her and her heirs forever. I give unto my Daughter
 Martha Hootway one negro boy by name Hezekiah, to her and her
 heirs forever. I give unto my Daughter Alice Beise one negro
 Boy by name Isaac one feather Bed and furniture one young mare
 Coll also ten pounds Cash, to be raised and lent out of my Estate to
 her and her heirs forever. I give all the remainder part of my Estate
 be it what kind soever and before given, my Will and devise is that it

shall be equally divided among all my children before mentioned, to them
and their heirs forever. Lastly I appoint my beloved Friends Col.
William Withers, Francis M. Neal and Edward Bruce joint my
whole and sole Executors to this my last will and Testament looking all
o three former Wills heretofore made by me and confirming this alone
to be my last will and Testament I Witness whereof I the said
Edward Bruce do hereunto set my hand and affix my
seal the Day and year just above Written.

Edward Bruce 

Signed sealed published
and declared by the said

Edward Bruce last as
his last will & Testament
in the presence of

John Nelson

Lee Lammert

Robert Jeffers

Edward Lewis

Colonel

in bond (hoping that my Executors, with the indulgence of my Creditors will be able to Discharge all my debts) excepting the following Legacies Viz. One to my son Edward - Abraham to my daughter Martha Holloway - beque to my Daughter Elizabeth Isaac to my Daughter Wickah Charter to my son Robert as also the House lands and furniture and Cash mentioned above which I desire may be delivered up as soon as my Executors can. - I further will and desire that my wife may have and possess my negro woman Judy, during her natural life and after her Death of my wife, that the said negro Judy be sold and the money equally divided between all my Children, And Appoint my friends William Wells Green, Francis Mon Vial and my son Edward as well Executors of this bequest to my Will.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 15th day of March in the Year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three.

Sealed published & declared as a
bequest in the presence of -

James Coleman

Matthew Green

Jos. Linnell

Wm. Holburn

Edward Beville

Edw. Beville

Sealed published & declared as a
Will in the presence of

James Coleman

Matthew Green

Jos. Linnick

Wm. Hylburn

Edward Brindle

At about 10 o'clock for Mecklenburg County the 10th day of June 1773.

This will was proved by the Oaths of John Hutton and Joseph Linnick
Witnesses thereto and the Co. said Thiele answered was also proved by the Oaths of
Matthew Green Joseph Linnick and William Hylburn Witnesses thereto and ordered
to be recorded and in the vision of William Wills Green and Francis etc. there
two of the executors therein named who made oath thereto and together with
James Bittles their security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the
sum of two thousand pounds conditioned as the said will certificate is agreed
- is them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form. Alsd being reserved for the
other executor therein named to join in the probat when he shall think fit

Test John Brown Sec. Cur.