

Norfolk County At a court held the 19th day of March 1773. The last will and testament of David Wights was further proved by the oath of Nathaniel Wights and lodged.

In the Name of God Amen I James Bruce of the Parish of Portsmouth in the County of Norfolk in Virginia Planter being Sick and Weak but in Sound and Perfect Sense and Memory Praise be Almighty God for it have so know that it is appointed for all Men once to Die thought it fitting as I ought to do to give and Bequeath my Precious and Immortal Soul to God and the Lord Jesus Christ who gave it me and my Body to be decently Buried in the Earth as my Executors hereafter mentioned shall think proper and as for my Worldly Estate I give and Bequeath it as Followeth

9. I Give and Bequeath unto my loving Wife Mary Bruce the Use of the Plantations
House and Appurtenances thereunto belonging whereon I now live for and during
her natural Life or widowhood except my son John Bruce should intermarry
within the Term of her said Life or widowhood that then my son John Bruce
shall be obliged to build a house for his Mother Twenty feet long and fifteen feet
Wide near the House where Benjamin Newton now lives and that my said
Wife have one half of the said Land with Privilege of Fire Wood & Tail Timber
to Support the same for and during her natural Life not selling nor
Embazeling any I also Give unto my said Wife the use of all my Moveable
Estate within Doors and without doors for and during her said Natural
Life or widowhood but if my said Wife should be married after my Decease
then my Will is that all my Moveable Estate as above mentioned shall
be equally divided between my said Wife my son John Bruce and my
Daughter Frances Bruce and if my Wife should decease not being
married my Will and Desire then is that all my Moveable Estate may

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Married my Will and Desire then is that all my Moveable Estate may be equally divided between my son John Bruce and my Daughter Frances Bruce and to their Heirs forever But my Will and desire is that if either my son John Bruce or my Daughter Frances Bruce should be Married within the term of my said Wifes Life that she may lend to them such things as she can conveniently Spear of the Moveable Estate but that they may be brought to sight at the time of a division —

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my son John Bruce the other half of the Land whereon I now live to be possessed by him during the Natural Life of my said Wife Mary Bruce and at her Decease I Give him all the Land that is or shall be found unto me belonging and unto his heirs forever —

I also Nominate Appoint and ordain my friend William Perry to be my Executor and my loving Wife Mary Bruce to be Executrix of this my last Will

and Testament to see it duly and Truly Performed ^{and discharging} ~~disannulling~~

of all and every other Will or Wills by me made but attesting allowing

and confirming this to be my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twentieth Day of April
One Thousand seven hundred and Seventy Two

Signed and Sealed & Acknowledged
in the Presence of

^{his} James + Bruce Seal

Henry ^{his} Culpepper

Lydia ^{her} ^{mark} Culpepper Miller Culpepper

November Court 1772 proved to as by Order Book

In the Name of God Amen. The Twenty Fourth Day of October Anno
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