

In the Name of God, Amen, I Samuel Bruce of the Western Branch
of Elizabeth River Norfolk County being sound and perfect mind and
Memory thanks be therefore given to Almighty God for the same calling
to mind the uncertainty of this Mortal life do make and Ordain this
my last Will and Testament in the following form and manner Viz.
first and principally I Commend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty
God who gave it me and my Body to the Earth to be decently Buried
at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter Named & as touching all
such Worldly Estate as it hath pleased almighty God to bestow upon
me in this Life I do Devise give and Bestow thereof in the following
form and Manner, after all my Just debts are paid and discharged
&c. I do cut of all my Children with half a dozen powder plates a
piece, I give to my Son Thomas my wearing cloths & Gun —
I give to my Son Nathaniel one Gun —
I Give to my Son Thomas my Dwelling plantation to him and
his Heirs lawfully begotten of his Body for ever. —

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I make my Wife my Executor I give all that I have to her her Widowhood and if she Marry's she is to have nothing that I have and after Deceased or Marriage the Negroes to be Equally Divided amongst my Children and this I allow to be my last Will and Testament. I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this the fifth day of May in the year of Our Lord 1764.

Signed Sealed & Delivered, published, pronounced and Declared in the Presence of us the Subscribers.

Wm Gallagher

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Samuel B Bruce and Seal
his

John W Wiatt

John Staples

Norfolk County At a Court held the 20. Day of September 1764.

The last Will and Testament of Samuel Bruce deced was this day proved by the Oath of John Wiatt and John Staples and Ordered to be Recorded Edy Bruce Executrix therein named having taken the Oath and given Bond and Security according to Law heretofore made.

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his

John W. Whitt

John Staples

Norfolk County Court held the 20. Day of September 1764.

The Last Will and Testament of Samuel Bruce deced read this day proved by
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Executrix therein named having taken the Oath and given Bond and Security
according to Law Certificate for obtaining a Probat is granted her on the
said Will. —

James

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