

North Carolina } Know ye that I William
 Carteret County } Borden, Shipwright, being
 somewhat indisposed of body but of
 perfect mind and disposing Memory. Thanks
 be to God, therefore calling to mind the mortu-
 ality of my body and knowing that it is appoi-
 nted once for all men to die and the day and
 time when uncertain, do make and ordain
 this my last Will and Testament, that is to say,
 principally and first of all I recommend my
 Soul into the hands of God that have it and my
 body I commit to the earth to be decently buried
 at the discretion of my friend & Executor and
 Executrix hereinafter named and as touching
 such estate wherewith it hath pleased God to
 bless me with in this life, I give demise and dis-
 pose of in the following manner and form.

Imprimis, My will and desire is that all my
 just debts and contracts as I do owe in right to
 any person or persons be well and truly conduced
 and paid with my funeral expenses, in convenient
 time and place after my decease by my Executor
 hereafter named, out of my movable estate except
 the annuities of Brit Kule which I desire each of
 my children to pay the arrears of what Land I
 have by these presents possessed them or either
 of them their heirs or either of their heirs without
 their own proper estate

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by his father, my dwelling house and manner plan-
 tation I now dwell on with all the old patent
 land adjoining that I bought of William Shoo-
 ridge according to the bounds thereof Together with
 eight hundred and eighty acres of land more
 adjoining to be laid off by my Executors hereafter
 named from Harlow Creek to Coe Creek upon a
 direct line fronting New Port River to them and their
 heirs and assigns forever. But if it should happen
 that I should have another son by my present
 wife Susanna Borden that then and in that case
 whereas I intended my son William Borden should
 have one thousand acres of land with my dwelling
 house, my Will is that the above thousand acres
 of land shall be equally divided between

them by a direct line near North & South and with that my son
 William have the first choice.

Item I give to my wife Susanna Borden the use of one half or half
 part of my plantation with half my orchard and privilege
 for her store to hang in the house during her natural life
 also I give to her and her disposal all the movable estate
 that I received with her after the debts and debts are paid
 that are due of said estate that I received by my wife Susanna
 and father if it should be happen that I should have
 issue by my present wife whether son or daughter that then
 and in that case they shall all have the same privilege of
 Improving each of them two hundred acres of land on
 Roque Banks in manner and form as is granted or here-
 after granted in these presents to my first children in all
 points and to all intents and purposes.

Item I give to my son William Borden all my movable estate lying
 at Coe Sound or else where of what kind or sort soever, except
 such part as I have already give to my wife which I Remind with
 her, after my debts and legacies hereafter mentioned in these
 presents are well and truly paid to my aforesaid son
 William and his disposal forever — Item I give six hundred
 acres of land adjoining to my son William Borden eight-
 hundred acres aforesaid to be divided in three Equal parts
 by my Executors and the children of my Daughter Alice
 Stanton to have one third part and my Daughter Hannah
 Borden to have one third part thereof and my Daughter
 Hannah Borden to have the remaining third part thereof
 to them their heirs and assigns forever

Item I give to my Grand children the children of my Daughter
 Alice two hundred acres of land on Roque Banks to
 be equally divided between them including the
 plantation which their Mother built and to be laid
 off so as not to exceed one mile either way to them and
 their heirs of their bodies lawfully Begotten forever them
 failing them to rise to be equally divided among my
 children and Grand children that are now or hereafter
 shall be by these inheritance as any other part of
 Roque Banks are hereafter ^{by my} befall. ^{to be} directed, only my wife & child is to have in such & meaning of these
 presents in case it should so happen

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two hundred acres of land Revert to my children
 or Grand children all in equal proportion to pay
 the heirs of my son in land Henry Stanton for the
 Improvement he hath made on the said two hundred

acres of land to be valued by Indemous Neighbors Chosen by consent of parties concerned and it is furthermore my Will that each of my sons in laws their shall have the same privilege in the like case upon the failure of their by my Daughters that it all be settled by virtue of these presents on the said Bogue Banks.

Item I give to my three children viz William Katherine and Hannah Borden and for them to make choice

two hundred of land on Bogue Banks but the length of said two hundred acres either way not to exceed one Mile nor for them to settle less than miles of each other without it be by consent. To them and the Heirs of their Bodies to be equally divided among three of each particular family and either of their Heirs as a free failing them to return to the original to be divided off as the Rest of the Vacancies on Bogue Banks also I give to each of my Grand children that are now in or hereafter may to each of them one hundred acres of land on Bogue Banks to be by them Chosen as they arrive to age or Marriage upon any part of Bogue Banks vacant lands as they first pitch upon But that each of them shall give proper room for all their Stocks to pass over, all the best of the vacant lands not yet disposed of and also that each of their hundred acres shall be in one Tract square to them or the Heirs of their Bodies forever them failing them to return again to the Vacancy and then I give the Use of the remainder part of Bogue Banks Vacant or lands not disposed off into Little Island Beaches Marsh with all the privileges appurtenances thereto belonging to my son William and two Daughters Katherine and Hannah and also to all my Grand children (Note: This line is not decipherable to Edward's care) Children of my Daughters Alice and Sarah as such particular child of the three above named they all to have an equal share in the profits as well as to pay their equal part of their charges as they arrive to age and to be by each and every of them lawfully possessed and sold them and

the Heirs of their Bodies forever. It also I give to my two daughters Katherine and Hannah Borden each of them one good new Bed and order my son William to pay for them also I give to my Nephew William Borden son of Joseph Borden living at Rhode Island thirty pounds present Paper bill of North Carolina = (the next time and a half is not decipherable to Edward's care) and also by reason at a certain time I lent my Brother for pounds some time before his death and since that I received it of my Sister in law and cannot tell whether I had not received it from my Brother also I give my Brother Thomas Borden Children thirty pounds of above said money or to be paid in Ten or Turpentine to that value and to be delivered in North Carolina also I give thirty pounds to be paid as above said to my Sister Amy Chace's children also I desire my Executors to find out what is justly due to William Briggs at Rhode Island by reason of the Mismanagement of part of some whale Bone sent him and to pay him the three last legacies out of the money arising out of the Sale or price of two hundred acres of land not yet given away which I empower my two Executors Brother Benjamin and Son in law Henry Stanton to sell for that purpose and to make by force and Virtue of these presents a good firm and lawful bill and title to the same as I myself could or might have done if I had been personally present notwithstanding any thing to the contrary the said land is joining upon the upper part of the one hundred acres I have already given to the children of my Daughter Alice and Daughter Katherine and Hannah Borden also my Will is that my Brother Benjamin Borden for Services done for me in my absence whether few or many and likewise for a small Ballance due to him over and above the wages of a Negro Boy that I hired to him should pay himself out of two yoke of Oxen that I have at my plantation and return the Ballance if there be any to my son William Borden. Whereas my Daughter Sarah so undutiful as to marry William Pratt against my own and all her friends consent, and also to make an Example of said Pratt I give my said Daughter Sarah Pratt one shilling Sterling and order my son William Borden to pay it. I likewise Nominate constitute and appoint Brother Benjamin Borden and Son in law Henry Stanton Executors and my Wife Susanna Borden Executive of the my

Item

last will and Testament and desire them to see the same fulfilled: and I do hereby utterly disallow Revoke & disannul all and every other former Wills Legacies Bequests and Execution by me before his here named Willed and Bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have herewith set my Hand and Seal this (Note. Because of line torn ^{to Seal})
as my last Will and Testament in presence of

Samuel Newby, William Borden (Seal)
Sarah Newby,
Joseph Robinson.

Eden house August 1st 1749

This day appeared before me Joseph Robinson and Sarah Newby and made their solemn affirmation that they saw William Borden sign Seal and publish the within writing to contain his last Will and Testament the they saw Samuel Newby (Note: This line is torn out. at this time, J. C. Wade, (c))

Henry Stanton Esq an Executor herein mentioned and Qualified for that purpose as the law directs and do hereby order that the Secty of this Province have notice thereof that Letters testamentary may Issue accordingly

Robt Johnston
Copy Test.

J Glasgow, Secretary.

To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come I Nicholas Bryant of Beaufort County & Province of North Carolina (Yoman being at present weak in Body but of sound & disposing mind & understanding for which I desire to be truly thought of), Calling to mind the mortality of mankind and the shortness of this my Natural Life, do for the preventing future trouble in my family make & declare this my last will and Testament: that to say Principally & first of all I give & Recommend my soul into the hands of God from whom I had my first Being & my Body I commit to the Earth therein to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter Nominating & as Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased the Lord to Bless me in this Life after all my just Debts with my Funeral Expences are paid, I give, Devise & Bequest the same as followeth

I give & Bequeath unto my Dear & Beloved wife Elener Bryant one feather Bed, Bolster & Pillows, one bed Smell; one pair of Blankets & one pair of sheets, & one shute of sheep curtains, & one Linen wheel, all to be at her choice, one horse and one more, to be her choice, one side saddle, one sheet, one small gilt Trunk, and thirty pounds Proclamation money to her & her Heirs for ever, I likewise give unto my Beloved wife the use & Improvements of the plantation whereon I now dwell with all the buildings, cattle Hogs & Bees together such as I shall hereafter Reserve to my son John During her Natural Life, also, some hole furnitures such as the Executors shall think sufficient for her to keep house with the house now on the ground, & all the meat in the house, with my Negro woman Jenny During her natural Life ~ Likewise the hamoor ~ also one silver Spooner Marke. S & c.

I then,

I give & Bequeath unto my Loving son John Bryant the Plantation whereon he now dwells with all the land contained in the same -- which I Bought of George Towne, also the Plantation that I now Live on, at the Buildings thereon after my wife Deceases, with two Silver Spoons Marked N. & B. & all my wearing apperale, to be to him & his Heirs for ever, with the carpenters Tools & Patangues

I then

I give & Bequeath unto my Loving Daughter, Rebecca Bryant, one pair sheets Two silver Spoons, marked