North Carolina
Carteret County } To wit

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At an Inferior Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions held at the Court House in Carteret on the 8th day of December Anno Domini 1768

Present His Majesties Justices

The last Will & Testament of James Biggs late of this County Planter deceased being this day exhibited in Court & duly proved by the Oaths of Richard Lawrence & William Biggs two of the Subscribing Witnesses & the Executor therein named being also present & duly qualified according to Law the said Will was ordered to be recorded whereupon they have proceeded to record the same which is as follows viz.

The last Will & Testament of James Biggs. In the Name

In the Name of God Amen I James Biggs of Carteret County in the Province of North Carolina being weak in Body but of perfect Memory thanks be to God for it therefore calling to mind the mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in Manner & Form following Imprimis I give & bequeath to my well beloved Son John Biggs the Plantation I now live & all the Land belonging to it to him & his Heirs containing [illegible] Item I give & bequeath to my well beloved Son James Biggs fifty Acres of Land lying in the Land & the Adjoining Land to him & his Heirs Item I give & bequeath to my well beloved Wife Bethia Biggs one Horse I also leave her the Use of all the Rest of my Estate during her Life or Widowhood, and then to be equally divided among the rest of my Children Elizabeth Leggett, Eleanor Biggs, William Biggs, Robert Biggs, Sarah Davis Biggs and Amarilla Biggs to be equally divided among them as was mentioned before Note for my two Sons John Biggs & James Biggs do have no Part but what is mentioned to them I likewise appoint my well beloved Wife Bethia Biggs to be my whole & sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament utterly revoking disallowing & disannulling all other former Will or Wills by me heretofore willed named or bequeathed ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will & Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this 8th Day of September 1767

Signed sealed & delivered published & delivered
In the Presence of us

Tho. Richard his mark Lawrence

Eleanor her mark Biggs

William his mark Biggs

James his mark Biggs, And a Seal

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