

In the name of God Amen the 12th day of December in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and sixty nine I William Barnes of the County of Duplin in the Province of North Carolina being sick and weak but of sound mind money and understanding Thanks be to almighty God for the same knowing by the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof do make & and ordain this my last will and testament in manner & form following Viz. First and principally I recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named Trustees. It is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be discharged out of my estate. I give and bequeath to my son Lewis my plantation wherein I now live

hundreds & fifty acres as will appear

my water mill and mill allso

behalf and thine to

Bosse Roland

his interest while he

comes to the age of twenty years and then for him to receive his whole estate into his own hands also my grey horse called Major with his bridle and saddle thin & firm and bequeath to my daughter Mary

plantation on White oak Branch

certainly three acres when James Doh puse of land lying on Pantec Swamp containing one hundred and thirty five acres of land and the benefit arising from them to be put to her use and benefit also negroes Peter, Henry, Isaac, Lucy & Phiby also my room maid called Tom with her saddle and bridle. I order that my daughter's negroes be kept at my obile and that they shall have six cows and calves ten rows and pigs and the benefit arising from the said mill, negroes & stock shall be put to her use while my son comes of age as before above mentioned then the mill to be hers. Item that all my household furniture with all my plantation tools and Saddles tools with all my stocks of all sorts be sold at public Vendue at six months credit and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided

my two children

that my

plantation may be rented out with my

whilst he comes of age as above

my son

standing debts be equally

all my out

received by

a between my children when
it is my urgent desir'd that my

William
Barnes

may have sufficient education given and
the expense to be paid out of their own estate and
for themselves Lastly I do appoint my Friends Felix Kavanagh
William Gooden. and George Smith Esqrs of this my last will
and testament freely making all former and other wills to me
made and confirming this and only this to be my last will and
sealed Promised and in the presence of ame

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Jesus his son
~~and~~

William Barnes

In the Name of God Amen the twenty fifth day of August
one thousand seven hundred and sixty five I Joseph Bruch of
Duplin and former of North Carolina Planting my soul & weak
in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty
God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make
and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say Principally
and first of all and recommend I give my soul in
the hands of God who gave it and my body I recommend to the
Joseph earth to be buried in a decent Christian like burial at the de-
Bruch section of my Esqrs nothing doubting But at the general
resurrection I shall receive the same again by the power of
God and as touching such worldly estate herewith it hath
pleased God to bless me in this life I give and desirous of the
same as follows manner & form First of all my will is that
a certain tract of land lying in the County & former of several
on the head of Bear marsh containing two hundred acres that now
belong to me to be sold by the Esqrs according to their best judgment
and the money received or so much of the same to the use of
paying my respective debts and the rest of the sum plus if any to be
paid to the rest of my estate to be disposed as I shall further by this
my last will and testament further I give and bequeath to
her to my dear and beloved wife all other of my lands house-
hold goods and chattels of every kind as I am possessed with
or do own with all the privileges to the same belonging for her
to possess and enjoy during her life time and after her decease
my will further is that estate to be equally divided amongst the
my dear beloved children Charles Bruch - Charlotte Bruch
Richard Bruch Joseph Bruch John Bruch Christopher Bruch