

her natural life, and after her death my will is that my Exrs do raise out of my estate before it is divided so much as will pay my seven eldest children who has married and left me, the sum of ten shillings each that is to say to my daughter Patty ten shillings to my son Benjamin ten shillings to my son John ten shillings to my daughter Rebecca ten shillings. To my daughter Elizabeth ten shillings to my son Abaculum ten shillings & to my son David ten shillings which sums are to be considered their full share of my estate to each one of those seven children above named. Next my will and desire that the whole of the remaining part of my property that that is to say my land my stock of all kind. House hold and furniture, plantation tools and every thing that I possess be equally divided between my three youngest sons, namely Henry Best Etheldred Best and Reddin Best, or the survivors of them after the death of their mother. My will is also that my Exrs divide at the dividing of my land between my three youngest sons my desire that my son Henry have his equal proportion in value on the lower part of my land where it joins Robert Williams line and my desire is that my son Etheldred have his equal proportion in value on the upper part of my land where it joins Charles Ward line and my son Reddin to have the equal proportion in value in value land off in the middle or center part of my land which contains my belongings & other improvements. And lastly. I constitute and appoint my sons Benjamin Best & Abaculum Best, Exrs to this my last will and testament. hereby revoking and disallowing all former or other wills. In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and fixed my seal this the 10 day of May 1798

Signed sealed published and delivered declared to be this my last will and testament of John Best. In presence of Edw Pearvall Henry Best

John^{his} Best
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State of North Carolina }
Duplin County }

October Term 1800

Then was the within will proved in open Court in due form of law by the oath of William Darnkan and James Hummark, two of the subscribing witnesses where to and at the same time Henry Bizzell & Isaac Bizzell the Exrs named in the said will came before the Court and qualified as Exrs according to law. ordered that

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letter issued accordingly To Mrs Dickson C.C. In the
 name of God Amen I William Buzzell being weak in body
 and calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to die
 do make and ordain this my last will and testament in
 manner and form following. Viz First I bequeath to my well
 beloved wife Harriet all my lands that lies on the east side
 of White oak Branch and all my stock of every kind, and
 house hold furniture. except two cows and calves and one
 feather bed which I shall hereafter devise to my son
 Hardy and so much thereof as will be of value sufficient
 to pay my just debts I leave to be sold for that purpose
 and the remainder thereof to her as long during her natural
 life and after her death I order and decree the same in ma-
 nner & form following- Item first I give and bequeath to my son
 Isaac Buzzell the land and plantation where in I now live &
 after the death of my wife to him said Isaac bounded as follows
 beginning at the mouth of the branch just above my house which
 runs into white oak branch, and from thence a direct line crossing
 my plantation & main Road to a stake on a pond at or near
 the corner of the fence nearest to my house of the upper field. on
 the east side of the Road from thence a direct line as the
 fence now runs ^(continuing) & containing that corner nearly square from
 the Road until it strikes the back line, thence with the same and
 other till it come to James Buzzell's upper line thence with his
 lines to the white oak thence up said branch to the beginning
 Item Secondly - I give and bequeath to my son Hardy Buzzell all my
 land on the east side of white oak branch above the upper boundary
 line of Isaac Buzzell, and two cows & calves & one feather bed. Item
 thirdly I give and bequeath to my son Arthur Buzzell five shillings
 and no more. Item fourthly - I give and bequeath to my son James
 Buzzell five shillings and no more. Item fifthly I give and bequeath
 to my daughter Nancy Buzzell the land I hold lying on the west
 side of white oak branch joining Chert's lines. Item Sixthly
 I leave to be sold three hundred acres of land which I
 bought of Pipkin lying on a branch of Cashes in Des Moines
 County and the money arising from such sale to be divided one
 third of my daughter Rachel Woodward & two third thereof of
 my daughter ^{Nancy} Buzzell - I also leave to be sold after the death of my

my wife all the remand or part of my stock of every kind and house hold furniture and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between all my daughters and one of my grand-daughters to wit Mary Horrell and Sarah Cherry & Nancy Bizzell and Elizabeth Goodman & Patsie Horrell & Rachel Woodard and Nancy Rogers my will and desire that my Exors do keep the money I leave to Nancy Rogers on interest until she comes of age and distribute the same to her. And I do hereby constitute and appoint Shady Bizzell & Isaac Bizzell my Exors to my last will and testament. And I do here by give them full power and authority to execute the same. This August the 6th day 1800 Signed sealed published and declared in the presence of
 699 Wm. Dunkan Nancy Bizzell James Burmark - his
 William & Bizzell
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State of North Carolina

Duplin County.

April Term 1784

Then was the within will proved in open Court in due form of Law by the oaths of Fleet Cooper & Wright Royal two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time Arthur Brown and Shad Brown two of the Exors named in the said will came before the Court and qualified by taking the oath of an Exor according to Law ordered that letters issued accordingly

Edward. Dickson C.C. In the name of God Amen I Edward Brown of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina being of perfect mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally & first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body to the earth etc. nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate where with it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same of the following manner and form. First I give and bequeath in return of my beloved son Arthur Brown. Two hundred and twenty five acre of land in sd County on the east side of great Coker's Creek being part of a purchase I made from John Sampson and part of a purchase from John Turner in the whole six hundred