

In the name of God Amen. I William Bruce of Halifax County & State of North Carolina, being but weak in body, but of sound mind & disposing memory calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for man once to die, I do make & ordain this my last will & Testament making void every other will heretofore by me made as touching such worldly Estate as it has been please God to bestow me with in this life. I do give demise the same in the following manner to wit. First I send to my beloved wife Christian Bruce all my Estate after paying all my Just Debts during her natural life or widowhood then at her death or widowhood then I give & bequeath all my Estate to be Equally divided between my two Children to wit Mathew & Wley Bruce. My desire is that my share should be the line between my two Children. My son also to have the plantation and my daughter to have the Woodland, land on the other side to them & their heirs for ever. Item I appoint & ordain my beloved wife & my Friend William Cottle the Executors of this my last will & Testament. Signed & sealed this twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord God one thousand & seven hundred & ninety four.

Signed Seal & published
in presence of us

William Sedus & Nathaniel Carlisle
his mark

William ^{his} Bruce
mark



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February 1st 1795. Then this will was Exhibited in open Court duly proved by the Oaths of William Sedus & Nathaniel Carlisle the Subscribing witnesses there to. In Nelson County to be Recorded. We hereupon Christian Bruce the Executor in the said will sworn in & was duly Qualified there to.

Witness

Dany C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Saly of Halifax County being weak of body but of perfect mind & memory & calling to mind that it is ordained for all flesh once to die, I do make this my last will & Testament in manner & form as follows (viz) Inprimis I give my soul into the hands of Jesus Christ my blessed Lord & saviour. Item I give & bequeath unto my loved & dear son