



John Ballard & Henry Hunter

Know all men by these presents that we John Ballard & Henry Hunter  
& Henry Hunter are jointly & severally firmly bound unto His  
Excellency Governor in this sum of Five thousand  
Pounds of lawful money to which payment well & truly to be made we  
bind ourselves & our heirs Executors Administrators  
firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals & signed by every  
of us this 28. day of June 1786

The Condition of the Above Obligation is such that whereas the  
John Ballard is appointed Sheriff of the County of North Carolina for the  
 ensuing year to continue from the Date of these presents & therefore  
 the said John Ballard shall well & truly receive & due return make  
 of all process & precepts to him directed & pay & satisfy all Fees  
 & sums of money by him received or to be received by virtue of any process  
 unto the proper Officer by which the same by the Law thereof ought  
 to be paid or to the person or persons to whom the same is due his or  
 their Executors Administrators or assigns & all other things well  
 & lawfully & faithfully to execute the said Office of Sheriff during  
 his continuance therein then this Obligation to be void otherwise to  
 remain in full force & Virtue

John Ballard  
Henry Hunter  
John Kennedy  
John Smithwick

In the Name of God Amen truly the third day of October 1786  
Seven and in the year of our Lord Thomas Caswell of North Carolina  
in the State of North Carolina being in a good State of Health at present but  
in perfect mind and Memory thinks he to God for the same Reason it is appointed  
for all men due to die He make and contain this my Last Will and  
Testament whome I recommend my Soul into the Hands of the  
mighty God that gave it and my Body to be buried  
in a Christian Buriall at the Discretion of my Executors

Thomas Caswell's Will

and as touching such matters as shall hereafter be done in relation to the  
said Disposition of the same with the Name and form following  
I the said and my beloved wife Elizabeth Caswell my Mannu scripta  
witness my own hand and all the saids thus unto belonging the said purchase  
of Thomas Caswell & Stephen Miller and half my Negroes and half part of  
my Negroes & my household goods and Chattels during her life only which to order  
my children and pay the Negroes due and the same to her during her life  
I have by my own hand signed in the presence of the said purchase of  
my Council the same to her during her life  
I have by my own hand and devise that the part of all my Lands and Negroes  
my household goods & Chattels which shall hereafter be given to my wife shall  
be equally divided between my three Children viz William Caswell John Caswell  
& Thomas Caswell the same to them and their heirs for ever

I have by my Will and Devise so that after the decease of my wife that the  
Particulars which shall hereafter be given to the first of my Children  
that shall be alive remain to them and their heirs for ever  
I will make Lewis Childs and my dear friend Elizabeth Caswell  
my dear friend Jacob Moss and my dear friend the late  
James Madsen my dear friend Executors of the said last Will & Testament  
trusting and directing they all shall be bound to perform the same  
confirming this to be my last Will  
I have by my own hand & Office my seal the said purchase of my  
Land and Negroes & my household goods & Chattels which shall be  
& I declare of the Testator to be his last Will & Testament in witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Office this day & Date  
John Caswell  
John Day Smith  
Ann Pierce

North Carolina North Carolina In the Name of God Amen  
writing was proved to be the last Will & Testament of the said Caswell by  
the Oath of John Day & corroborating the said by the Oath of  
Recorded  
John Caswell

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