

where the hard yellow crumbly ground between of all  
kinds & colors with the latter very cold & blustery, today in  
the said State about especially among young children after  
closing off all Potts except hereas probly him the above -  
named Dr. wife or above which I have heard say these long  
days come to Samuel the plantation which they were living  
the two parts of it till their son others died so about month  
ago then the whole plantation to fall into them. And so  
also I leave my wife & son Benjamin Biggstaff with our  
I likewise constants on the border the sole executors of  
this my last will. & Testament, and also hereby witness  
this attests, And also Discreased etc. on my deathbed  
Testem with Hilly, Leggins, Leggins, & Lockett before me  
any person before named wills & legacies &c. testifying of  
concerning this: & no other to be my last will & Testament  
in Witten whereof I have hereto set my hand & seal  
This 25 day of November in the year of our Lord God 1766  
Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced & dictated by the  
said Samuel Biggstaff as his last will & Testament  
in the presence of us, who in his presence & in the  
presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names  
Eason Clark  
Lemmons (spurfer)  
Robert Hunter .  
Samuel Biggstaff

In the name of God amen I John Best of the County of  
Mecklenburg ~~the~~ Province of North Carolina, being sick &  
weak in health of body, but of perfect mind & memory, thanks  
be given unto God relating to me the mortality of my body &  
knowing that it is appointed for all men, once to die, Do make,  
I declare this my last will & Testament. This is today since  
especially & first of all. I give & recommend my soul unto the hand  
of almighty God that gave it, & my body I recommend to the  
earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the charge

of my Presidents, Not being desirous to let the general session know I shall recuse the same again, by the mighty power of God, And as such thing doth necessarily make it inconsistent with it has pleased God to bless me with this office I give down & dispense of the same in the following Manner & form -

First I give & bequeath to Susannah my well beloved wife her maintenance  
out of the estate & her proportion in it. Second I give to the rest of property which  
I die I do leave to her lawful heirs namely the third & 4th child  
Given to my two youngest sons my furnishing in the hall my candle  
Furniture & Privileges with a wagon & team. This now fully to be  
possessed by them Jacob & George & George is to have the old place  
where the buildings are on with help of the land & Jacob is to have  
the upper house & the land and the land is to be valued & then by  
them partitioned and the two as to go equal shares of the land and  
property. Then to fall in share of moveables. Secondly I give to my  
three youngest Daughters Dorothy, Christiana & Margaret each of  
them one Loue Then to have of the Hatch & then to come in equal shares  
of the remainder of the effects. Also the chattel are married are to have in  
equal shares of the moveable effects without any deduction to  
be made of any of their marriage gifts. From I like wise con-  
clude that I will give them my house & 2000 pounds Hatch House  
To her husband & his children or my estate & all I do having  
already deducted & his couplet all the money other, among his daugh-  
ters, Nelly, Legaria, Bequia & the rest are in me in my widow  
repose named Waller & Bequia attendants Relying & conferring this  
and no other to be my last will & Testament. The witness is whereof  
These presents set my hand & seal this 3<sup>d</sup> day of September in  
the year of our Lord 1777

signed, sealed, published, pronounced & declared by the said  
John Best as his last will & testament in the presence of  
who in his presence & in the presence of each other have hereunto  
subscribed as witnesses.

Mr. Jacobson 9  
Mr. Blackwelder

Johannes Baff  
England