

# John Bridges Will.

In the name of God Amen. I John Bridges of Northampton County in the Province of North Carolina being very sick weak but thanks be to almighty God of sound & disposing mind & memory and Cal-  
 insto mind the uncertainty of this transitory life, am willing to make my will, first begin with my soul to almighty God that gave it me, and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors and attaching my worldly estate that hath pleased almighty God to bless me with. I give & bequeath as followeth that is to say.

I Give to my wife Sarah my son Edward Bridges my plantation whereon I now live, and all the lands thereunto belonging also the Swamp land purchased of James Bryant, the said plantation & the lands besides, to her & her heirs forever only my loving wife Sarah to hold them during her widowhood, also one feather bed & furniture & one gun.

I Give to my son William Bridges my negro man named Simon, my negro man Harpo, & my negro boy Tony, also one feather bed & furniture to him & his heirs forever.

I Give unto my daughter Sarah Bridges my negro girl called Nane she thereunto one feather bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever.

I Give to my daughter Pearly Bridges my negro girl called Beck she thereunto one feather bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever.

I Give unto my loving wife Sarah Bridges my negro man named Ned, my negro woman called Cinda, & my negro woman called Pat they & their increase to her & her heirs forever, also all the remaining part of my personal estate not before given & for bringing up my said children, & their schoolings & learn the labor of my said slaves that are given to my children till the arrival at age or marriage.

I do nominate & appoint my loving wife Sarah Bridges my executrix & John Ruffin & John Nix, executors of my will. I now go to my last will & testament, speaking & signing

all persons able by me made, & this even to be my last. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal my said this fourteenth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and sixty three.

John Bridges & a Seal  
 Signed sealed Published & declared by the testator to be his last will & testament in the presence of the witnesses underwritten.  
 James Lapiter, Robt Lapiter, Pat Purvis.

Stamilton County, 11 May Court 1763

The preceding will of John Bridges and was exhibited into Court, and proven in the oath of James Lapiter, one of the subscribers witnesses thereto, at the same time said Bridges & John Nix were qualified Executors & Executors thereof, which in motion was ordered to be certified & recorded.

Wm Edwards Clerk

# Francis Graves Will

In the name of God Amen. I Francis Graves of Northampton County & Province of North Carolina being sick weak of body but of perfect mind & memory do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following.

I give & bequeath is that all my just debts & funeral expences be paid after which the remainder of what estate I have and the almighty God to bestow upon me, I dispose of in following manner.

I Give to my loving wife Mary, Graves the use of my whole estate during her widowhood, and if my dear wife should marry then immediately after which my devise is that my whole estate should be equally divided between my wife & my child, & my child & my child's proportion of my estate I give to my wife & my child.

I do hereby nominate & appoint my loving wife executrix of this my last will, & John Nix & John Ruffin to be my Executors & my child to be my child's proportion of my estate I give to my wife & my child.

Agreed & sealed & signed in presence. Francis Graves & a Seal  
 of us Thomas Wilburne, Wm Hale & John Tappin.