

# 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 Quench, & 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 seal 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 1764

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 on 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 & my child's proportion of my estate I give to my wife & my child.

Agreed & sealed & signed in presence. Francis Graves & a Seal  
 of James Thomas, William Nixburne, Wm Hale & John Thomas.

Northampton County p August Court 1764.  
The within written will of Francis Graves Decd was exhibited  
into Court & proved in the oath of Thomas Webb &  
John Hale, two of the Subscribing witnesses thereto: at the  
same time Mary Graves was qualified & executed her will  
which on motion was ordered to be Certified & Recorded.  
Jesse Edwards Clerk.

### Nashel Bridges Will

In the name of God Amen. the second day of May in the year  
of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred & sixty four. I  
Nashel Bridges of Northampton County & Province of North  
Carolina, being sick in body but of sound & perfect sense  
Mind & Memory, thank be to almighty God for the same, and  
caring to mine that it is appointed for all men to die, I do  
hereby make & ordain this my last will & Testament, hereby  
recommending of my soul into the hands of my saviour to do  
with it as he shall see fit & my Body to be buried at the Discretion of  
my Executors herein after named. And as touching of my worldly  
Estate wherewith it has been pleased God to bless me with my  
just & lawful General to possess being first paid by my said  
Executors I give & dispose of the same in the following manner.

- I give devise bequeath unto my son Williams Bridges my  
negro man named Jack, & my hand mill to him his  
heirs & assigns forever.
- I give devise bequeath unto my son John Bridges my  
negro woman named Rose, & her increase from this  
time to him his heirs & assigns forever.
- I give devise bequeath unto my son William Bridges my neg-  
ro man & to him his heirs & assigns forever.
- I give devise bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth my  
gray mare this salt & my linen saddle & Bridle & my large  
chest & my new linen wheel & my Nashel Squares black  
nut table & two ewes & lambs and small trunks to her & her  
heirs & assigns forever.

I then all the rest of my Estate of what kind soever that is not herein my will  
before given away, I give devise bequeath unto my two daughters  
Patience & Temperance to be equally divided between them, to them  
their heirs & assigns forever.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute & appoint William Ruffin & John Duke  
& Richard Neal my whole sole Executors of this my last will and  
Testament hereby making null & void all former wills & testa-  
ments by me made & ordain this my last will & Testament.  
In witness hereof I have set my hand & seal this  
day year above written. Nashel Bridges

Signed sealed published & delivered by the testator to be his last will &  
Testament in presence of us, Joseph Bridges, James Hford, Catherine Hford  
Northampton County p August Court 1764

The within written will of Nashel Bridges Decd was exhibited  
into Court & proved in the oath of Joseph Bridges & Joseph  
Hford, two of the Subscribing witnesses thereto, at the same  
time the said Jurors named were duly qualified to execute the  
same, which on motion was ordered to be Certified & Recorded.  
Jesse Edwards Clerk

### Sebastian Squires Will

In the name of God Amen. I Sebastian Squire of Northampton  
County being in perfect mind & disposing Memory do make  
& ordain this my last will & Testament in manner & form  
following. I do give bequeath unto my wife Sam Squire  
her Land & Plantation wherewith she has been during her life or widowhood  
and after her life or widowhood to my son Roger Squire & his  
on the mouth of Cane Creek & upper side. I do give  
bequeath unto my beloved wife the stock and household goods  
during her life or widowhood & after to be equally divided among  
my children & I do nominate & appoint my beloved wife Sam  
Squire my Executor, signed sealed & delivered in presence  
of us, this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord  
God one thousand seven hundred & sixty four.  
Ph. Smoker  
George Morris

Sebastian Squire