

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Bruce
of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina, being
luk of body but in my Perfect Sense and sound memory
Do make this my last Will and Testament Resolving
all other Will or Wills by me made. First I commend
my Soul to Almighty God who gave it and Trusting in
the Merits of my Redeemer, and as to what worldly
Substance I have, I give in manner following Viz.
Item I leave unto my beloved Wife Martha Bruce
the one half of the Plantation I live on with all the
Stock and Household Furniture During her Natural
Lifetime, and at her Death the half of the Land to my
son Richard and the half of the Stock if he is alive
and in Case he is Dead, to my son John I appoint
Heir of the Whole Land and Stock,

Item, I give unto my son John Bruce the one half of
the Land or Plantation I now live on and all other
Land or Possessions I have a right to, and all the
Household Furniture and Stock in Case Richard is Dead
If he is alive to be as above, To him his Heirs or
Assigns forever. Item I give to my son Robert &
William Bruce & to my Daughter Lancel Robison to
each Twenty Shillings Current money of this State,
to them their Heirs forever, Item, in Case John &
Richard Bruce is dead, I leave and bequeath my
whole Estate both Real & Personal at my wife
deceased to be Divided equally, James Bruce & his
Sister Martha and William son Thomas Bruce
and Martha Robison and Rachel Robison to them
& their Heirs forever. and I appoint my son John

and my Wife to be Executors of this my last Will and
Testament Resolving all other Will or Wills by me
made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and Seal this 1st day of June 1783.
Signed Seal & Delivered
in Presence of
Joseph Allison
John Banks } Thomas ^{his} Bruce ^{mark}

Orange County February Court 1786
The Execution of the within Will of Thomas
Bruce said was duly proved in open Court by
the Oaths of Joseph Ellison & John Banks
Subscribing witnesses thereto & sworn to be true.

Test
J. S. Barton C. C.

In the name of God Amen, I Philip Deft
of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina being
in a very low State of health but in Perfect mind and
memory and knowing it is appointed by God for all men once
to die Do make Ordains Constitute and appoint this my
last Will and Testament First of all I give and bequeath
my Soul to God who gave it and in hopes that at the Day of
Resurrection he will reward it this his Merits and attoning
blood of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as for my body
I give it to the earth from whence it came to be Decently
buried at the direction of my Executors hereafter appointed
and as for my worldly Estate that it hath Please God bestow
I give and bequeath as followeth, Item, I give and bequeath
to my beloved wife Sarah Deft this Plantation I now live on

Containing one hundred and thirty five Acres. During the Term of her Widowhood and all my moveable Properties so long as she continued a Widow, and if she said Selah Dofset my beloved wife should marry, then the two thirds of my moveable estate is to be sold and the money arising from thence to be put out upon Interest for my two Daughters Seney and Susannah Dofset, the Plantation I now live on containing one hundred and thirty five Acres, at my wifes death I gave it to my son William Dofset. I so allow my said Ex^{rs} hereafter named to put out the remainder of such money for the use of my aforesaid Children upon Interest after my Lawful Debts are paid and my Funeral Expenses. I so hereby Appoint Benjamin Forrest and Stephen Forrest to be my sole Ex^{rs} to this my last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this 7th Day of December 1783.

Signe Seal and Delivered

In Presence of

Jacob Allen

Blaton Wood

Joseph Townsend

Mark

Philip Dofset

Orange County ss February Court 1784

The Execution of the within Will of Philip Dofset deceased was duly Proved in open Court by the Oaths of Blaton Wood and Joseph Townsends two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and Orators to be Answered

Test

J. S. Denton

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In the name of God Amen. I William Edwards son of John Edwards Senior, of Orange and State of North Carolina (Planted) being low but of sound Memory and Sufficient Thanks be to God for it. But reflecting on the uncertainty of Human Life, that is appointed for all men once to Die and I so hereby make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and dissolving all former Wills and Testaments hereby made by me Improvised. I recommend my body & soul to God who gave it me. and I leave and bequeath to my well beloved wife all my Lands Goods and Chattels as long as she remains my Widow, and after her Decease or Marriage then I give and bequeath my Lands to be received among by sons and all my sons equally all my goods and Chattels to be equally Divided among my Widow and my Children and if she Marry then she must give bond and Security for my Children rights to the said I leave them. and I leave my friend Benjamin Davis and M^{rs} Sackfild Bruen Executors of this my last Will and Testament this Twenty fourth day of January 1784 Wherunto I fix my hand and Seal

Witness

Benjamin Lay

John Durham

John Edwards

William Edwards

mark

Orange County ss February Court 1784

The Execution of the within Will of William Edwards deceased was duly Proved in open Court by the Oaths of Benjamin Lay John Durham Subscribing witnesses thereto and Orators to be Answered

Test

J. S. Denton

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