In the name of God Amen.

I **JOHN DEW** of Bertie County in North Carolina being very sick of body but of perfect mind and memory and do make this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all wills & testaments heretofore by me made.

FIRST I recommend my soul to almighty God and my body to be buried in a descent manner by my executors hereafter named.

IMPRIMUS My will is that all my just debts be paid with speed.

ITEM I give to my son **JOHN DEW** one case of bottles and all six horses and mares that run on Cearley's Creek on the south side Meharin River which belong to me and tools as my said son hath now in his possession.

ITEM I give to my son **JOSEPH DEW** the plantations and land whereon my said son **JOSEPH DEW** doth dwell containing one hundred acres and being on the east side of the road from (Cornell Hills Ferry) and the remainder part of my tract of land which lies on the north side Buck Horn Swamp to my said son and also I give to my **JOSEPH DEW** all my coopers tools and one young brooding mare my said son hath now in his possession and the use of my riding horse and one long coat & pair of shoe boots and one gun and cow and calf.

ITEM I give to my daughter PATIENCE [DEW] one cow and calf.

ITEM I give to my son **SPENCER DEW** the land and plantation whereon **JASON** dwells all the land joining to my said plantation on the side of the branch next to it and one "horse".

ITEM I give to my son **WILLIAM DEW** the land between the two branches on the road joining to my son **SPENCER**.

ITEM I give the use of the plantation whereon I live on to my beloved wife, SUSANNAH DEW during her life.

ITEM I give and bequeath all the residue of my estate be equally divided between my beloved wife SUSANNAH DEW and ELIZABETH CLEMMENTS and my son WILLIAM DEW and MORNEN DEW and SPENCER DEW.

Also I hereby namely appoint said loving wife **SUSANNAH DEW** and my son **JOSEPH DEW** my executors to this last will and testament duly performed and fulfilled.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this  $5^{\text{th}}$  day of September 1740.

JOHN DEW {seal, his mark}

Signed, sealed in presents of us

EDWARD MOSLEY {his M mark}
ABE MOSLEY {his A mark}
CONSTANT DANE

Northampton county

November Court 1744

The last will and testament of **JOHN DEW** was in open court proved by the oath of **EDWARD MOSELEY** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the executor therein duly qualified.

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ROBERT FOSTER, clerk of court

JOHN DEW'S Will

29<sup>th</sup> May 1745

R. Foster

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