

Will, NC, Bertie, Robert Braswell 1736

In the name of God, Amen.

I **ROBERT BRASWELL** of Bertie precinct in North Carolina being sick and weak of body, but of sound sense and memory, thanks be to God, and do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz.

First I bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave me and my body to be decently buried after the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as for my worldly goods that it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I dispose of in the manner and form following.

First and imprimis I give and bequeath to my daughter **SARAH DAUGHTRY** one large iron pot.

ITEM I give to my loving son **ROBERT BRASWELL** my young gray horse and my negro man named BRISCO.

ITEM I give unto my loving son **JOHN BRASWELL** my negro named SQUASH and a young mare.

ITEM I give unto my loving son **RICHARD BRASWELL** the plantation whereon I now live with three hundred acres of land adjoining Yourah Swamp.

ITEM I give to my son **VALENTINE BRASWELL** one hundred acres of land that I took upon myself that layeth adjoining to **THOMAS SOSBY** and a mare of four years old.

ITEM I give unto my loving daughter **JOAN BRASWELL** on negro boy named POMPEY and the feather bed and all its furniture as it whereon I lay and two cows and calves.

ITEM I give to my daughter **MARY BRASWELL** the feather bed and all its furniture as it stands and cows and calves ... it the bed whereon she lays.

ITEM I give to my god son **DEMCEE SUMNER** [DEMSEY SUMNER] one plantation and one hundred acres of land to it which said land I bought of **GEORGE DOWNING** and is ... cow and calf which ... adjoining to the land of **NICHOLAS SESSIONS** and one iron pot and one cow and calf which is now in the possession of his mother **ELIZABETH SUMNER**.

ITEM I give to my **JOHN BRASWELL** on young iron gray horse.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my loving wife **SARAH BRASWELL**, after my lawful debts payed, all the remainder of my estate both within doors and without doors for her and her disposing forever.

And lastly I nominate and appoint my loving friends **JAMES BRYANT** and **JOSHUA DAUGHTRY** to be my executors of this my last will and testament, revoking and making utterly void all other wills by me made.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of September 1734.

ROBERT BRASWELL {seal, his R mark}

Test

THOMAS BRYANT, jurat
NICKOLAS BAGOT {mark N}
PANONE BRYANT {mark P}

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Bertie Precinct
November Court 1736

The above written will of **ROBERT BRASWELL** was proved in open court by the oath of **THOMAS BRYANT**, one of the subscribing witnesses and also **JAMES BRYANT** one of the executors therein named, took the oath by law required.

Test **JOHN WYNNS**

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