

Will, NC, Bertie, John Bass 1732

In the name of God Amen.

JOHN BASS being sick and weak of body but of sound sense and memory, thanks be to God, do make and ordained this to be my last will in Manner and form following.

FIRST and IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath to my son **EDWARD BASS** my Manor Plantation we're on I now live to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever, but except the use and liberty of ye said Plantation for my loving wife **MARY** for her lifetime for bring up my small children in.

ITEM I give unto my loving son **WILLIAM BASS** my land at ye Beaver Dam and so through the swamp down to a dividing line.

ITEM I give to my grandson **AARON JOHNSTON** one hundred acres of land, more or less, known as less north side of Urah swamp it is not to reach ye Broad Swamp nor to take in any of ye swamp.

ITEM I give unto my loving daughter **JUDITH CANADY [WILLIAM CANADY]** one hundred acres of land, more or less, lying on the south side of Urah swamp adjoining **JAMES HUTCHISON** to her in the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever.

ITEM I give to loving friend **DANIEL WHARTEN "BURBEGG"** fifty acres of land lying on the north side of a quarter swamp beginning at **TONEY's** path so down he said swamp across the first Branch to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give unto my loving daughter **SARAH ANDERSEN** one hundred acres of land, more or less, lying on the north side of Urah swamp and the most convenient land to this Plantation whereon she now lives, but not any part of ye said swamp, but on ye tract towards **HUTCHISON's** line for complement as far as ye first Branch to her and heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever.

ITEM I give unto my loving daughter **LUCY BASS** one hundred acres of land, more or less, lying on the north side of Urah swamp bounded by **NEWSOME's** line and so down betwixt two branches to ye said swamp, but not into you said swamp.

ITEM I give to my loving daughter **MARY** one hundred acres of land, more or less, lying on ye north side Urah swamp founded by my online **NEWSOM's** and down a branch to you said swamp including and Island on the same side of he said swamp.

ITEM I give unto my son **AARON BASS** my Plantation on the south side of Bear swamp whereon xxx lives and all ye Highland from my upper line and so down to the Great Pine Branch.

ITEM I give unto my daughter **PATIENCE** my Plantation on the south side of Bear swamp that I bought of **WILLIAM JOHNSTON** and all the land from the Great Branch above ye Plantation down to ye lower line to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever.

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ITEM I give unto my son **MOSES BASS** all my land that lying on the north side of Bear Swamp which is adjoining to my BROTHER **EDWARD**'s line. In ceding all the swamp to my son, my will is further that if my loving wife should again marry and my sons ??? then my son's **EDWARD BASS** and **WILLIAM BASS** to have half the benefit of my orchards on my Manor Plantation.

ITEM I give unto my loving sons **JOHN BASS** my old square muzzled gun.

ITEM I give unto my loving wife the third of my household and all the remainder of my estate both within and without doors to be equally divided amongst ye said last wife's children and ...

LASTLY I do nominate and appoint my loving son's **JOHN BASS** and **EDWARD BASS** to be my executor together with my loving wife as a executrix during her widowhood.

in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of January 1732.

JOHN BASS {his backward B mark}

Test

THOMAS BRYANT jurat

JAMES GUIE {his mark} jurat

EDWARD BASS {his mark} jurat

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Burke Precinct

February Court 1732

The aforewritten will of John bass was exhibited by **JOHN BASS** Junior, executor thereto and was proved by the oath of Captain **THOMAS BRYANT, JAMES GUIE** and **EDWARD BASS**. Evidences thereto and at the same time the said executors took the oath by law prescribed.

Test

R. T. FORSTER, CCC