

Will, NC, Bertie, Richard Sumner 1729

In the name of God Amen.

This 12th day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-nine, I **RICHARD SUMNER** of the precinct of Bertie being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, therefore calling on to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die to make an ordained this my last will and testament in Manner and form following.

FIRST and principally I give my soul into the hands of God who gave it me and for my body I commend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executive, hereafter named, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same Again by The Mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wear with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise bequeath and dispose of the same in Manner and form following.

IMPRIMIS I give unto my son **RICHARD SUMNER** by Manor Plantation and all the land belonging to the same survey also another tract of land adjoining to the said Plantation track which I lately surveyed; also five cows and calves and all their increase; also twelve sows and hogs and all their increase; and two barrows; also one breeding mare named Fenix and all her increase; also seven ewes and one ram and their increase; also I give on to my son **RICHARD** my negro boy named POMPEY also those pewter bowls; and two earthen basins; and six pewter plates; and one large pewter dish; and two small dishes; and one dozen of pewter spoons; and five iron pots; and one frying pan; and two pair of pot hooks; and one brass kettle; also one hand saw rest and file; one broad axe; and one grindstone; one pair of compasses; and one gauge; and two chests; one feather bed; one rug; two blankets; and three stools, bedstead and cord; and two iron wedges; and eight glass bottles; three earthen mugs large; and two small mugs; and a leather wallet or bags; and one pale and one piggin; and one gun; and sixteen yards of burlap; also three chairs; and one psalmer; one Testament; and one Bible. To my son **RICHARD SUMNER**, him and his heirs forever.

ITEM it is my will that the rest of my movable estate be equally divided between my loving wife **MARY SUMNER** and my daughter **CHARITY SUMNER**, 9 pounds 6 shillings and 5 pence and half penny in cash, only accepted.

And of this my last will and testament I make and ordain my well beloved father-in-law **JAMES BRYANT** and my beloved Son **RICHARD SUMNER** my whole and sole executors and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and annul all and every other former Testaments, Wills, bequests, legacies and executors by me in any wise before this time named willed and bequeathed. Ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament.

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In witness whereof I have here on to set my hand and I fixed my seal this day and year first above written.

RICHARD SUMNER {seal, his RS mark}

Signed, sealed, published pronounced and declared by ye said **RICHARD SUMNER** as his last will and testament in presence of us.

JAMES WOOD, Jurat {his W mark}

EDWARD GREEN

JOHN SUTTON, Jurat

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Certified May Court, 1729

The above will was proved in open court by the Oaths of **JAMES WOOD** and **JOHN SUTTON** evidence thereto in due form of Law. And therein the executor in open court was qualified.

Witness

R. T. FORSTER, Clerk