

Will, NC, Bertie, William Bridgers 1728

In the name of God Amen.

I **WILLIAM BRIDGERS** of ye government of North Carolina and the precinct of Bertie being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for it, doth make and ordained this to be my last will and testament in Manner and form following viz:

FIRST I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM BRIDGERS** my Plantation where am I now dwell with all its immovables and two hundred and twenty acres of land belonging to it when he arriveth to ye age of 16 and one dish and one basin and one buccaneer gun and ye first Colt by my mare and one ewe and one ... hare be any alive at ye time;

ITEM I give to my daughter **SARAH BRIDGERS** one feather bed and rug and blanket and one dish one basin;

ITEM I give to my son **JOSEPH BRIDGERS** my land and Plantation which lieth on Fishing Creek with all it's immovable and one dish and one basin to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give to my son **JOHN BRIDGERS** one hundred acres of land belonging to my Plantation where I now dwell beginning in ye corner of ye Courthouse Road and my xxx between **WILLIAM BRYANT**'s land and so running up ye said road by ye open side of a small pond so up bords ye head line for his compliment to him and his heirs forever and one dish and one basin and one ewe and one lamb if there be any at ye time and every one of my children a colt if my mare bringeth them and all my stock of cattle which belong belongeth to my plantation on Fishing Creek when my brother **BENJAMIN BRIDGERS** time is out, to be equally divided between all my children, likewise if ever my negro girl bringeth any children I give them to be equally divided amongst my children. Likewise it is my will ye my negro Jack should be sold for money for to set my children to school after my brother's time is up on my plantation on Fishing Creek.

I give to my son **JOHN BRIDGERS** my negro girl when he arriveth at ye age of 16 years.

ITEM I give to my brother **WILLIAM BRYANT** my Great Coat ye was last made.

I give to my father **JOHN DEW** one drugit jacket and britches.

ITEM I give unto my loving wife **SARAH BRIDGERS** all ye rest of my estate, goods and chattels as I, **WILLIAM BRIDGERS**, do appoint **WILLIAM BRYANT & JOHN DEW SR.** to be my executors of this my last will and testament, revoking and disannulling & making utterly void all other wills.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 11th day of March 1728.

WILLIAM BRIDGERS {seal, his M mark}

Will **JOHN DAWSON**, Jurat
and **WILLIAM BRYANT**, Jurat
and **MARY HUISE** {her X mark}
and **RICHARD HUISE** {his X mark}

Bertie
November Court 1729

The above will proved in open court in due form of law proved by the oaths of **JOHN DAWSON & WILLIAM BRYAN** evidence thereto.

Test
R. T. FORSTER