

Will, NC, Edgecombe, Richard Braswell 1767

I **RICHARD BRASWELL** of Edgecombe County being in good health and of perfect sense and sound mind and memory for preventing disputes, which may arise in my family about the estate I may have at my death, do make to make this my last will and testament in manner following; that is to say:

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath to my son **SAMPSON BRASWELL** to his heirs for ever a tract or parcel of land containing 50 acres more or less founded as follows

beginning at a white coat on his corner on Tar River; thence a direct course to a new marked poplar standing as or near the new hunter path; thence along the said path to my back line; thence down the back line to the said **SAMPSON'S** line; thence along his line to the White Oak, the first station,

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **SOLOMON BRASWELL** and his heirs for ever all the remainder of my land where on I know live and the land and Plantation whereon he now dwelleth.

ITEM all the remainder of my estate which I have not already given away I lend to the use of my loving wife during her natural life or widowhood and after death or marriage the aforesaid estate which I have lent my wife **ELIZABETH** to be equally divided amongst all my children that is now living to them and their heirs forever.

ITEM I give to my son **RICHARD** five Shillings Proclamation money.

ITEM I give to my son **JAMES** five Shillings Proclamation money.

ITEM I give to my son **WILLIAM** five Shillings Proclamation money.

ITEM I give to my daughter **SARAH** five Shillings Proclamation money.

ITEM I give to my daughter **MARY** five Shillings Proclamation money.

ITEM I give to my daughter **ELIZABETH** five Shillings Proclamation money.

ITEM I nominate constitute a point my loving wife **ELIZABETH** and my son **JAMES** whole and sole executor and executrix of this my last will and testament.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 7th day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven.

signed sealed declared to be the last will and testament of the subscribed.

RICHARD BRASWELL {seal, his R mark}

In presence of

THOMAS BRYANT

WILLIAM SHARROD

JON FORT {his I mark}

SAMSON DILLARD

JAMES GRAY

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Edgecombe County Precinct

February Court 1772

The within will was in open court exhibited by the executor and approved by the oath of **THOMAS BRYANT** and **JAMES GRAY** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. At the same **ELIZABETH BRASWELL** and **JAMES BRASWELL** the executor and executrix therein named qualified according to law. Ordered that the same be certified and the will be recorded.

Test **JAMES HALL**, CC