

Will, NC, Johnston, William Bridgers 1751

In the name of God Amen.

I **WILLIAM BRIGERS** [**WILLIAM BRIDGERS**] of North Carolina and Johnston County being sick of body yet of good and perfect memory to make and ordained this my last will and testament in Manner and form following viz.

FIRST I bequeath my soul into the hands of God Almighty who gave it me and my body to the ground to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor Hereafter named and as touching any property Goods which God and His great goodness has bestowed upon me I dispose of them as followers that is to say.

FIRST I give and bequeath unto **JOEL MARTIN** one cow and calf.

ITEM I give **JOEL MARTIN** one dark bay horse colt.

I give **JOEL MARTIN** my gun and accouterments with her.

I give and bequeath unto **LUCRESE MARTIN** one cow and calf.

I give one riding horse to **LUCRESE MARTIN** considered by me that if either the said **JOEL MARTIN** of **LUCRESE MARTIN** should die before coming of age the longest liver to inherit all.

And I also make and ordain my loving friend **PHILLIP JONES** to be my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have here on to set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty one.

WILLIAM BRIGERS {seal, his W mark}

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us.

JAMES BRYANT

JAMES ACOCK

JAMES GOODING {his E mark}

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Present his majesty Justices.

The last will and testament of **WILLIAM BRIDGES** was exhibited in to court and proved by **JAMES ACOCK** one of the subscribing evidences who swore he saw the testator sign, seal, publish, and declare the same to be his last will and testament, and at the time thereof he was of sound mind and memory, and that he also saw **JAMES BENNETT [JAMES BRYANT]** and **JAMES GOODING** sign concurring evidence with him. Whereupon **PHILLIP JONES**, executor therein named, appeared and was qualified by taking the oath by law appointed. Ordered that Mr. Secretary have Notice thereof that Letters Testamentary may issue Accordingly.

Test **CHARLES YOUNG**, Clerk of Court