

Will, NC, Northampton, John Bass 1777

Know all men that are **JOHN BASS** of Northampton County in the province of North Carolina being sick of sound mind and memory do make constitute a point and ordained this my last will and testament and Manner and form following

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my son **JACOB BASS** one negro girl named **BECK** and her increase.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my son **ISAAC BASS** two negro women named **ROSE** and **MOLL** and their increase one feather bed and furniture and a mare colt called pleasure.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my grandson **JOHN BASS** son of **ISAAC BASS** a negro girl named **FANNEY** and her increased.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my son **ABRAHAM BASS** one negro girl named **PHILLIS** and her increase.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my grandson **JOB BASS** one negro girl named **QUEEN** and her increase and one feather bed and furniture.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my grandson **COUNCELL BASS** son of **JETHRO BASS** my land and Plantation we're on I now live containing 200 Acres more or less my negro fellow named **SHARPER**, my still cap and worm, and a negro boy named **SCOTLAND** to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my grandson your **URIAH BASS** son of **DRURY BASS** my land and Plantation we're on the said **DRURY** now lives containing 100 acres more or less adjoining **DICK HOMONEY** branch on the **MOSES HALL's** line also the new half of my land line in **Uriah** swamp joining **Colonel DAWSON's** line also a negro woman named **HANNAH** and her increase hereafter also a negro boy named **BEN** to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my daughter **ALCE ERPE [EARP]** one negro woman named **PEGG** and her increased also one negro boy named **POMPY**.

ITEM I lend unto my daughter you **UNDICE COUNCELL** the use of one negro woman named **DINAH** and her increased during her life and at her decease I give and devise and bequeath the said negro woman **DINAH** and her increase aforesaid to be equally divided up between or among her children.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my grandson **JESSE BITTLE** son of **JOHN BITTLE** the land and Plantation we're on the said **JOHN BITTLE** now lives containing 200 Acres more or less founded on an agreed line already made also 100 acres of land adjoining my son **JETHRO's** land an agreed line already made and joining **CHARLES BRYAN's** line also 50 acres of land I purchased from **JOHN KERNEY [KEARNEY]** according to the most known and reputed bounds thereof also one negro girl named **JANE** and her increased to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

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ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my granddaughter **WINNIFRED BITTLE** one negro boy named DAVY.

ITEM I give unto my grandson **JOHN BITTLE** one negro girl and her increased named Pat.

ITEM I give unto my granddaughter **MARGARET BITTLE** one negro girl named RACHEL and her increase.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my grandson **DRURY BITTLE** one negro boy named JEHAM.

ITEM I give unto my daughter **ELIZABETH BITTLE** one negro woman named JUDITH and her increase hereafter.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath all the remainder of my estate that is not in my will given away to be equally divided between or amongst my children namely: **JACOB, JOHN, ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JETHRO,** and **DRURY BASS** all **ALCE EARP, UNDISCE COUNCELL,** and **ELIZABETH BITTLE** to them their heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I do hereby ordain, constitute and appoint my esteemed friend **JOHN KNOX** my son **JOHN BASS** and **RICHARD VEAL** my whole and soul executors of this my last will and testament hereby disannulling and making hull and void all former wills and Testaments by me heretofore made, and this only to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of June 1777.

JOHN BASS {seal}

Signed Sealed published and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament in presence of:

THOMAS KNOX
WILLIAM LOVE
MOSES HALL
JOHN LAWRENCE

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September Court 1777

The preceding will of **JOHN BASS** was exhibited in court proved by the oath of **WILLIAM LOVE** one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto at the same time **JOHN KNOX** qualified as executor ordered to be certified and recorded.

Test [**JOSEPH**] **JEPH. ATHERTON** Clerk