

Will, NC, Northampton, Edward BASS 1748

In the name of God, Amen.

This twenty fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and forty eight, I **EDWARD BASS** of the county of Northampton and in the province of North Carolina, being sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God therefore, calling unto mind ye mortality of my body, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say).

FIRST AND PRINCIPALLY I give my soul into he hands of God who gave it me, and my body I recommend to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor, hereafter named, nothing doubting but at ye general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, dimise and bequeath in manner and form following.

IMPRIMIS it is my will that all my just and lawful debts be paid and funeral expenses.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my son **BENJAMIN BASS** my plantation where he now dwells upon, Quarter Swamp, containing fifty acres of land and seventy five acres of land more adjoining to the same, to him and his heirs forever, not to sell his part to any other than belong to ye family.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my **JOSEPH BASS** fifty acres of land and the old orchard where my son **JOHN BASS** dwelt on ye east side of my manor plantation towards **JOHN BASS'** field, to him and his heirs forever, not to sell his part as aforesaid.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my son **SAMPSON BASS** fifty acres of land upon Quarter Swamp between my son **BENJAMIN's** and **ROBERT HOUSE's** lines, to him and his heirs forever, not to be sold but as aforesaid.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my grandson **ELIJAH BASS** fifty acres of land and the YOUNG orchard where my late son **JOHN** dwelt, if he shall think fit, thereon to dwell, and if not I give the same to my son **JOSEPH BASS**, to him and his heirs forever, not to be sold but as aforesaid.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my son **EDWARD BASS** fifty acres of land adjoining **JOHN BASS's** line, to him and his heirs forever, not to be sold but as aforesaid.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my son **JAMES BASS** fifty acres of land lying towards Uriah Swamp adjoining [Captain] **THOMAS BRYANT's** line, to him and his heirs forever, not to be sold but as aforesaid.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my daughter **KATHERINE [BASS] ANDERSON** fifty acres of land adjoining **JOHN BASS's** line toward Uriah Swamp, to her and her heirs forever, not to be sold but as aforesaid.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my daughter **DINAH BASS** two sows and pigs and their increase to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my daughter **KIZIAH BASS** one cow and calf and their increase to her and her heirs forever.

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ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my daughter **MARY BASS** one cow and calf and their increase to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife **LOVEWELL [HARRIS] BASS** all the rest of my movable estate, to her and her heirs forever, and further I do lend her the use of my manor plantation during her natural life, and after decease I give ye said plantation containing one hundred acres of land unto my son **REUBEN BASS** to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM. It is well that all ye rest of my land not bequeathed be exposed to sale to discharge, quit rents and others of my lawful debts.

AND of this my will, I make, constitute, nominate, ordain and appoint my trusty and well beloved son **BENJAMIN BASS** my whole and sole executor, revoking and annulling all former wills by me, heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the day & year first above written.

**EDWARD BASS** {seal, his B mark}

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced & declared by ye said testator to be his last will & testament in ye presence of us

**WILLIAM BASS** {his + mark}

**DINAH BASS** {her B mark}

**JOHN SUTTON**

**EDWARD TAYLOR**, jurat

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Northampton County  
North Carolina

August Court 1750

The within written will was exhibited into court by **BENJAMIN BASS**, executor thereof & was proved by the oath of **EDWARD TAYLOR**, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, at ye same time aforesaid executor was qualified in open court, which was ordered to be certified.

Test

**J. EDWARDS**, clerk

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**EDWARD BASS** Will

Let. Issued ye

29<sup>th</sup> of August 1751

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