

Will Probate, NC, Northampton Edgecombe, John Dew 1749 1760

In the Name of God Amen.

I **JOHN DEW** of North Carolina in the County of Northampton Gent. being wake of body but of sound perfect mind & memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my Last Will & Testament, in manner & form following, that is to say,

FIRST AND PRINCIPALLY I command my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping through the merits of death and passion of my savior Jesus Christ to have full & free pardon & forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named, and as touching the disposition of all such Temporal Estates as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth:

FIRST I will that my debts & Funeral expenses shall be paid & discharged.

ITEM I give to my son **ABRAHAM** two hundred acres of land on Potahersy to him, his heirs and assigns forever with all my Joyners, Carpenters & Coopers Tools.

ITEM I give to my son **JOHN** the plantation whereon I now live bounded by Cooper's Branch and the Reedey Branch and one Negro fellow named NERROW, to his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give unto my son **ARTHUR** two hundred acres on the creek between **JACOB RICKS** and **JOHN WORD** and also the land that is with out the bounds of Reedey Branch and Copper's Branch to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give to my daughter, **ELIZABETH TINER [TYNER]** one cow and calf.

ITEM I give to each of my sons one feather bed and furniture;

ITEM all the rest of my estate to be equally divided between my loving children, **ABRAHAM, ARTHUR, JOHN, SARAH PRISSILLA [PRISCILLA]** and **MARRY [MARY]**.

AND I appoint my loving son, **ABRAHAM DEW** & sole executor of my Last Will and Testament and **BENJAMIN HILL** as my trustee to advise and direct my son.

AND I do hereby revoke, disannul and make void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

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In witness whereof I the said John Dew make this my last will and testament have set my hand and seal this second day of September Anno Domini 1749.

JOHN DEW {seal}

Signed, sealed in the presents of us.

BENJAMIN HILL

JOHN WORRELL, Jr. {his W mark}

WILLIAM TINER, Jr.

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Edgecombe County]

June Inferior Court 1760

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North Carolina

George the second by the grace of God of Great Britain King.

To the sheriff of Edgecombe County, greeting.

We command you to take the body of **ABRAHAM DEW** executor of last will and testament of **JOHN DEW**, deceased, if to be found in your bailiwick and him safely keep so that you have him before the justices of our inferior Court of pleas and quarter sessions for our County of Halifax at the next court to be held for said County at Tyrancocsa Creek [Tyrancoca Creek, Cokey Creek] the 4th Tuesday in September next then and there to answer **HENRY HILL** executor of the last will and testament of **BENJAMIN HILL** deceased of a plea of trespass on the case damage 50 pounds Proc and have there this writ.

Witness **JAMES HALL** clerk of court at his office the day of ---

JAMES HALL Clerk of Court

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North Carolina

George the third by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland King defender of the faith.

To the sheriff of Edgecombe County, greeting.

We command you to take **ABRAHAM DEW** executor of **JOHN DEW**, deceased, late of said County, if to be found in your bailiwick, and him safely keep so that you have him before the justices of our inferior Court of pleas and quarter sessions at the next court to be held for said County at the court house at Tyrancocoa Creek [Tyrancocoa Creek, Cokey Creek] 4th Tuesday in September, next, then and there to answer a **AQUILA SUGG** on of a plea of trespass on the case damage 40 pounds Proclamation money.

Therefore fail not and have their this writ.

Witness **JAMES HALL**, Deputy Clerk of our said Court, the XXIV (24th) day of June in the 11th year of our reign, anno domini, 1762.

JAMES HALL, Clerk of Court

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North Carolina

George the third by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, to the sheriff of Edgecombe County, greeting.

We command you that of the goods and chattels of the estate of **JOHN DEW** in the hands of **ABRAHAM DEW**, executor, to be administered cause to be made the sum of X pounds X shillings and ten pence Proc to pay and satisfy **AQUILA SUGG** which he lately in our inferior Court of pleas and quarter sessions for said County hath recovered against and also the sum of 2 pounds 14 shillings besides the amount sheriff & cryers fees being taxed in our said courts for his cost in this behalf expended and whereof he is convicted as appears to us of records, and have the said sum at the next court to be held for said County on the 4th Tuesday in April next to render to said **AQUILA SUGG** his debt and costs aforesaid, and have there this writ.

Witness **JAMES HALL** Deputy clerk for said court at his office the 12th day of April in the 3rd year of our reign in Anno Domini 1762.

JAMES HALL, CC