

JAMES BOON'S WILL.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, James Boone, of the precinct of Bertie, being Sick and weak of Body, but of Sound and perfect mind & memory (thanks be to God for the Same), calling to mind the frailty of my Body & the mortality of my Body, and that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in Manner and form following, that is to say: first & principally, I recommend my Soul into the hand of almighty God who gave it, hoping through the merits, death & passion of my Saviour, Jesus Christ to have and receive full and free pardon & forgiveness of all my sins, and to Inherit Everlasting life; after death; my Body I commit to the Earth from whence it came to be Burryed in Dacent and Chritain like Manner at the Discretion of my Excrs. hereafter named; and as Touching the disposal of all Such Temporal Estate It hath pleased almighty God to bestow upon me (beyond my Diserts) in this Transitory life, it is my will that it shall be Disposed as followeth:

Imprs. First I will that my Debts and Funerall Charges Shall be paid & Discharged.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my Son in Law, John Early, my Negro woman Called Rose, to be Delivered after the Decease of my Loving wife Eliza. Boone, and fifty apple trees to be Delivered on Demand.

Thirdly, I Give and bequeath to my Son in Law, John Wynns, my Negro man called Charles, to be Delivered after my wifes Decease, and my Cross Cut saw and my writing Desk to be Delivered upon Demand, and half the benefit of my Apple Orchard (which I Leave under his care) untill his Son, George Augustus Wynns, come to full age, and also my Black Walnut Table to be Delivered after my wifes Decease, and 1000 foot of new plank to be Delivered Imediately.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my Son in Law, cullineur Sessums, My Negro man Adam, to be Delivered after my wifes decease.

Fifthly, I give, bequeath & Demise to my Grandson, George Augustus Wynns, My manner plantation whereon I now Live, and four hundred acres of Light woodLand adjoining to it, in fee Simple to him, the said George Augustus, his heirs and (and) assigns for Ever. And in case he die without any heir, or assignee, Then it is my will that the Same fall to the next heir of My Daughter, Mary Wynns' Body, to his, her, or their heirs or assigns for Ever, & in Case my sd Daughter, Mary Wynns, Die without such heir, Then it is my will that the same Decend to the heirs of My Daughter, Eliza: Early Body, Lawfully begotten & to his or her heirs or assigns for Ever.

Sixthly, I Give and bequeath to my sd. Grandson, George Augustus Wynns, my Baldfaced mare Branded W, and the Choise of all the Children my negro Girl Judey brings, after the first.

Seventhly, I give to my Grandson, James Early, my negro man Called Sam, to be Delivered after my wifs Decease.

Eighthly, I Give to James Burk, my negro woman called Moll and her Son Coaffe, and all her futer Increase and 100 Publick Bills and £21 : 12s in Gold, and my great fether bed and its furniture, or his Choise of any of my beds w'ch shall be Imediately after my wifes Decease, and my Gray young mare wch came of my Bush Mare, and a Yearling filly, and a young Gray horse wch now runs in my Pasture, and my new riding Saddle and Bridle and my Buckineer gun and Cutlash, and my new Chest, and one Learge Iron pot and pot hooks, and my own Wareing apperill to be maid in to apperill for him, All wch I Leave in the care and trust of my Son in Law, John Wynns, with him as his Tutor and Guardian untill he arive at ye age of Eighteen years, and then the sd. Estate to be Delivered to him, but not to his own Disposal untill he arive at the age of Twenty one years, without the advice and Consent of him the sd. Wynns.

Ninthly, I give unto william Burk, my Negro Girl Judey and her increase (Except the Child before given to my Grandson, George Augustus Wynns) and £100: Publick Bills and £5: cash and £25 in Bills (for his Education), and one Sorriel Mare filly runing in my pasture, and a Large Gray mare Called the Bush Mare,

and my Little Gun, and one Iron pott and pott hook, All which I Leave in the care & Trust of my Son in Law, John Wynns, (reserving the Service of Judey to my wife dureing her life) untill he arive at ye age of Eighteen years and then the sd. Estate to be Delivered by the sd. Wm., but not at his Disposial without the advise and Consent of the sd. John Wynns (whom I appoint his Tutor and Guardian) untill he be at ye age of Twenty years. Reposing only the trust of his person to my wife while she Lives.

Tenthly, And in Case Either of the sd. Brothers, James or William Burke die under age, Then it is my will that half of the Deceased Estate be Delivered, when due, to the other brother, and the other half thereof to be Devided Equilly between the Children of my sons in Law, John Early and John Wynns.

Eleventhly, I give to John Asskew, two Cows and Calves, and fifty apple trees to be Delivered on Demand; & two Ews & a Ram to be Delivered next Spring; and £20 Currt. Bills on Demand.

Twelfthly, I give to my God Daughter, Martha Davis, one mare colt to be Delivered next Spring.

Thirteenthly, I give to my Loving Wife, Elizabeth Boone, my two horses Jock & Shavers, and my Large Sorrel Mare, and my new England Saddle, and Five pounds cash, and my great kill of lightwood: and all the remainder of my Light wood I give to her and our Son in Law, John Wynns.

Fourteenthly, It is my will that after my wifs Decease in whose hands I leave ye Remainder of my personal Estate what shall be remaining thereof shall be equilly Devided between the sd. John Wynns and John Early and James Burke.

Fifteenthly and Lastly, I Constitute, ordain and appoint my Loving wife, Elizabeth Boone, Executrix, and my Trusty and well beloved Sons in Law, John Wynns and John Early, Execrs. of this my last will and Testament, and I do hereby revoke, disanul and make void all former wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof, I, the said James Boone, have hereunto Set my hand and Seal, this Eighth day of June, annoq Domini, 1733.

JAMES

Illustration
BOONE (his seal)

Signed, Sealed, published and declared in the presence of us:

JOHN WILLSON.

THOMAS LEE.

JAMES

Illustration
MARTIN.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Before his Excelly. Gabriel Johnston, Esqr., his Majestys Govr. of the Province, and Ordinary of the Same: Personaly appeared Thos. Lee, who being duely Sworn, Sayeth that he was present and Saw the deceased James Boone, Sign, Seal, publish and Declare the within Instrument as his last will & Testament & that he

was then of Sound & Disposing mind & Memory: And that he Saw John Willson and James Martin, the two other Subscribing Witnesses present & Sett their Names as Witness thereunto.

Likewise appeared John Wynns, one of the Execrs. appointed by the Above Last will & Testament, & took the Oath of Executor as required by Law.

Given at Edenton, under my hand the 31st of March, Anno Dom: 1735.

GAB. JOHNSTON.

Copied from Original Will, filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.