

Bertie County NC Petition of SWAIN, Ann (wife of dec'd Richard) - 1762

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Know all men by these presents that whereas Richard Swain dec late of Bertie CO in the province of NC, did by his last will and testament give and bequeath unto Ann swain his wf now deceased the use and labor of several slaves and also a certain part of his household stuff his stock and as by his said will may full appear, and whereas the said Ann is in the time of her widowhood by her industry and good reckoning did some what advance and improve the said estate, and whereas it doth manifestly appear that she was full intended to bestow and give to her two youngest sons Richard Swain and Job swain, all or so much of the said estate as she by her prudent care and industry as aforesaid had profited the same as well also as all or as much of the aforesaid estate, as she by virtue of her said husbands will, she could or might have done but she the said Ann dying intestate, by which means her intentions and desire may not only be frustrated, but her youngest sons right to the aforesaid estate, may probably be drawn in question, which in order to prevent, and that the aforesaid Richard swain and job swain peaceably and quietly in for the same agreeable to their mothers desire we the subscribers do freely and voluntarily give yield up and surrender unto William swain ex of Richard swain deceased for the use Of Richard swain and job swain all and singular our parts or parts or each of our part or parts of in or to so much of the aforesaid estate as the said Ann swain by virtue of her said husbands will had power to give away or so much as she by her industry had improved the same or all and singular the aforesaid estate exceptions so much as be or is particularly given to use by the aforesaid Richard swain dec , and that form hence forth we the said subscribers for us our heirs and do for ever acquit exonerate and discharge the aforesaid William Swain ex of the foresaid Richard swain dec for any part of the said estate excepting before excepted in witness whereof we do separately set our hands this 8th day of February in the year of our lord 1762

test: Alexander Ray, James Ray

William Swain, Stephen Swain, Patience Clements, Susanna Spencer,
George Clements, Thomas Spencer

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