

Will of Media White, 1744 - 1749, Bertie Co NC

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In the Name of God Amen This twenty Seventh Day of August in The Year of Our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred & fourty four I MEDIA WHITE of Chowan in the County of Bertie & Province of North Carolina Planter, Being Very Sick & weak In Body but of Perfect Mind & Memmory Thanks be Given Unto God, Therefore Calling Unto Mind the Mortality of My Body & Knowing that it is Appointed For All Men Once to Die Do Make & Ordain This My Last will & Testament. That is to Say Principally & first of All I Give & Recommend My Soul Unto The Hands of God That Gave itt & My Body I Recommend to the Earth To be Buried in a Decent Christian Manner & the Decrestion of My Executors hereafter Named Nothing Doubting but Att the Generall Resurecton I Shall Recive the Same Again by the Mighty power of God. And As Touching Such worldly Goods & Estate wherwith itt has pleased God to Bless Me in this Life I Give And Dispose of the Same in Manner & form following
Imprimis .. I Give & Bequeath Unto My True and Loving wife ELIZABETH all My whole ((Real and per) (marked out)) Estate Real and personal unto her & her heirs forEver

^ & Likewise Constitute Make & Ordain My Said wife Executricks of this My Last will & Testament & I Do hereby Utterly Disallow Revoke Disanull all & Every other former wills Testaments Legacys & Bequeathd Heretofore by Mee Made Ratifying Allowing & Confirming This & No Other wills to be My Last will & Testament in Witnis wherof I have hereunto Set My Hand And Seal The Day & Year first Above written.

Media White (Clay Seal)

Singed Sealed

Published & Pronounced

to be the Last will & Testament of MEDIA WHITE in Presence of Us

The words her & her heirs for Ever Interlined between the Sixteenth & Seventeenth Line Before Singing & Sealing

ABIGAL X WHITE her mark

JOSEPH BUTTERTON

S..... BUTTERTON

North Carolina ...: Edenhouse January 17th 1749

This day appeared before me, JOSEPH BUTTERTON & made Oath on the Holy Evangelist that he saw MEDIA WHITE, the within mentioned Testator Sign Seal declare publish and pronounce the within Writing to contain his Last Will and Testament. and at the same time he Saw ABIGAIL WHITE & SARAH BUTTERTON Sign their names as Wideness thereto And Also came before me

ELIZABETH WHITE Executrix to the within mentioned Will and Qualified for the office by taking the oath by Law prescribed for Such purposes; Let the Secretary of this Province or his Deputy have notice thereof that Letters Testamentary Issue accordingly.

Eden.....

Geo Johnston ?

On front of will it says Letters Issued ? March 30 1750

Wills from the 25th March 1750 to 25th March 1751

My comments:

This paper has been covered with a thin sheet of muslin to protect it so the seal cannot be examined closely, but according to earlier research by Worth S. Ray, it is a winged dragon. The big sheet (12 x 15) has been cut & scalloped by someone either to make it fancy or to make it match a counterpart.