

**CHESSON, JOHN**

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Tyrrell County  
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In the name of God amen: October the first day in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and sixty six I **John Chesson** of Scupernong in Tyrrel County in North Carolina being sick and weak but of perfect mind and memory thanks be unto Almighty God therefore yet calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and the mortality of my body knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament principal & first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christain like and decent manner at the durement of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and despose of the same in the following manner.

Imprimis - I give and bequeath to my son **John Chesson** one parcel or tract of land known by the name of the log house containing fifty acres also one other tract or parcel of land by estimation twenty six acres being n Tyrrel County & on the East side of Scupernong River being ner the Cyprus Branch & joining **Godfree Spruill's** line to him his heirs and assigns.

Imprimis - I give and bequeath unto my sons **William** and **Samuel Chesson** the plantation I now dwell on to be equally divided containing by estamation one hundred acres to them their heirs and assigns.

Item - I give to my daughter **Keziah Freeman** one bed and furniture and one Ovel table & one chest and three chairs one pot and skillet two dishes & six plates now in prosession & six spoons.

Item - I give to my well beloved wife **Joanna** the yous of three negro's **Moll Steven & Pations** with one third part of all my moveable Estate and cattle and horses during her natural life.

Item - I give to my daughter **Marey** one feather beed and furniture.

Item - I give to my daughter **Ann** one feather beed and furniture and I also give and bequeath the remaining part of my moveable Estate and cattle and horses to my five children **Marey Ann John William** and **Samuel** to be equally also I give third part of my moveable Estate and the third part of my cattle and horses and three negros **Moll Steven & Pashance** to be equally divided between my five children **Marey Ann John William** and **Samuel** after the decease of my well beloved wife **Joanna** and I do hereby constitute and appoint my said wife Executor and my son **John Cheson** and my Bothers in law **Benjamin Spruill Joseph Spruill** sole and lawfull Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby disallowing and making void all other former Wills by me at any time named or willed ratifying & confirming this and no to be my last Will and Testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year above written.

**John Chesson** (Seal)

Signed sealed published pronounced &  
declared by the said **John Chesson** to  
be his last Will & Testament in the  
Presence of us subscribers  
Test. **Elijah Norman** Jurt.  
**Ann Spruill**  
**Joseph Chesson**

Recorded by Fr. Ward Clerk