

BLOUNT, BENJAMIN SENR.

Secretary of State
Colony of North Carolina
Tyrrell County
Dated 1 February 1739

In the name of God Amen the first day of February 1739 I **Benjamin Blount** Senr. Of Terrell County and province aforesaid Planter being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling to mind ye mortallity of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my ___ soul into ye Hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to ye earth to be buried in Christian burial at ye descretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at ye General resurrection that I will receive ye same again by ye mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of ye same in ye following manner and form

I desire that my whole stock of cattle that is in my proper mark may be equally divided between my son **James** and **Jacob** and **Isaac** and my daughter **Esther** of them one bed and one iron pot and each of them one ewe.

Item - I will that my son **Edmund** and my daughter **Mary** and my daughter **Sarah** may have five Shillings each.

Item - I give to my sone **Benjamin** my manner plantation.

Item - I will it if any of my children dies without heirs lawfully begotten of them to fall then to ye next younger son either land or movable. I will and bequeath my beloved wife **Elizabeth** ye remaining part of my estate both of goods and Chattle and all movable whome I likewise make my Executrix with my son **Benjamin** Executor of this my last will and testament of all and singular my lands and tennents and I do hereby utterly disalow and revoke all other former testaments Wills Lagaces and Executors by me in any ways before named willed and bequeathed confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal ye day and year above written.

Benj. Blount

Signed Sealed Published
And pronounced in presence of us
Ann (her -x- mark) **Hollis**
Z ___ (his -x- mark) _____

Tyrrell County
June Court anno Dom 1740
Present His majestys Justices

These may certify that the written will was proved in open court according to due from of law

Test Thos. Leary Clk Court

June ___ 1740

Came before me **Eliz Blunt** Executrix & **Benjamin Blunt** Executor to **Ben Blunt**
deceased being duly sworn promise to fulfill every part of the within will. Sworn before
me

James Trumbull