

The Will of Thomas Fussell, 1676-1735, Bertie Parish, NC

4 Jun 1735, Bertie Parish, North Carolina

In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Fussell of the parish of Bertie in North Carolina being somewhat sick in body but of a sound, perfect, disposing mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God for the same, and calling to mind the uncertain state of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call, do make and order in this my last will and testament in the manner following:

First of all, I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits of my only Savior Jesus Christ to have full remission of all my sins and to inherit eternal life, and as to my body I commit to the earth from whence it came to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executor named, and as for my temporal estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, I give and dispose of in the manner following, viz, in the first place, I do give or bequeath to **my eldest daughter Elizabeth the wife of Gilbert Weaver**, six hogs. Likewise to **my daughter Mary the wife of John Rainwater**, six hogs. Also to **my daughter Martha the wife of John Arnal** other six hogs more, and to **my daughter Ann** I do bequeath ten hogs. Likewise to **my daughter Sarah**, other ten hogs more. Likewise to **my daughter Ann**, I bequeath the gray horse called Shaver and the gray horse called Squirrel to **my daughter Sarah**. Also to **my daughter Ann**, I give the wooling wheel, two cows, two yearlings, one dish, one basin, one blanket, five hundred slay. Likewise to **my daughter Sarah**, I give two cows, two yearlings, one dish, the pot and cotton cards, the bed and two blankets belonging to the house. Likewise to **my daughter Elizabeth the wife of Gilbert Weaver**, I give the linen wheel and the four hundred slay. As for **my son, Aaron Fussell**, I make him my fully and wholly Executor of all the rest of my personal estate, as witness my hand this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord God 1735.

Thomas (X) Fussell

[Witnesses] William (X) Weaver, Richard (X) Head, John (X) Cook