

Will of Susanna Robisson, 1709

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As you read...

Susanna Robisson is one of the poorest individuals whose will survives from colonial North Carolina. Her situation, though, was far more typical of early settlers than that of wealthier individuals who left long, detailed wills.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. Aprill ye 30th: one Thousand, Seven Hundred & nine, I, Susanna Robisson, being Sick & weak but of Sound & perfect memory, Thanks to God for it, do make This my last will & Testament, In manner & Forme Following; First I Give & bequeath my Soul to Almighty God my maker & Redeemer, Assuredly beleiving in ye Resurrection of ye dead: & my Body to be buried att ye discretion of my Executor hereafter nam'd.

Imp'. I Give & bequeath To my well beloved Daughter, Elizabeth Bond, one Feather Bed & Covering now in her possession; like unto my well beloved Son, Luke Grace, one Shilling, & for ye rest of my Estate, both real & Personal, after my just debts are paid; be ye same of what nature Or Quality soever, I Give & Bequeath to my well beloved Son, Henery Grace, to him & his heirs, Executors or assignes for ever;

Likewise do Constitute & Ordaine my well beloved, Son Henery Grace, to be my Whole & Sole Executor of this my last will & Testament, utterly Revokeing disanulling & making Voide all other wills & Testamts. By me heretofore made.

in Wittness whereof, I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seal ye day & ye year above written.

SUSANNA X^I ROBISSON.

Signed, Seald & Deliverd In ye Presence of.

EURIAR HUDSON.

ELIZABETH X JENKINS.

JOSEPH JESSUP.

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Notes

1. The X is Susanna Robisson's mark — made because she was unable to write her name.