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WILL OF MATHEW CASWELL

March 24, 1754 - Probated June Court 1754

In the name of God Amen, this twenty fourth day of March, Seventeen Hundred and fifty four, I Mathew Caswell of Tyrrell County in the province of North Carolina, Planter being sick and weak in the body but a sound and perfect memory Thanks be given to God for the same, therefore calling to mind the Mortality of Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die. Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the form and manner following. That is to say, Principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it me and my Body to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the descretion of my Exors. hereafter names and as touching such Wordly Estate wherewith it has been planned God to help me in this life. I dispose of the same in the manner and form following; In primus I give and bequeath to my beloved son Mathew Caswell the plantation and 220 acres of land being the land formerly belonging to EDWARD PHELPS, & likewise twenty two acres of land out of the Log House survey, joining on SAMUEL SPRUILL line, known by the name Back Bridge, unto him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to my beloved son SAMUEL CASWELL my Log House Plantation with 200 acres of land belonging to the same.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to my beloved son ELISHA CASWELL my Manor Plantation which I live on with 150 and six acres more or less to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter JOANNA CASWELL the land called the Red Bank with 100 acres of land joining the plantation, to her heirs and assigns forever with 22 acres of land in the Log House survey joining her brother MATHEW.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter EISA CASWELL the plantation known by the name of Brissets Island to her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter JEMIMA CASWELL the plantation and land belonging to the same known by the name of Addisons Island and likewise my part of the tract of land surveyed between me & JAMES PHELPS Senr lying on the East side of Scuppernong River and to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter TABETHE CASWELL 200 acres of land known by the name of the Log House Land joining my son SAMUEL to her heirs and assigns forever, or forty Pounds Prod. money. My son MATHEW having the refuse, Then SAMUEL.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to CASWELL HASSELL one cow and calf and her increase.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife ELIZABETH CASWELL one third part of all my personal estate, the remainder to be equally divided by my children to be divided at the discretion of my Exors.

ITEM, I make, constitute and ordain my beloved wife ELIZABETH CASWELL Executrix and my beloved Father-in-law SAMUEL SPRUILL and my beloved Son MATHEW CASWELL Executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date above Written, Signed, sealed, and published, pronounced, I declare by the said MATHEW CASWELL as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us.

Signed **MATHEW CASWELL

Witnesses: JOSHUA TURNER, ROBERT ELTON, EDWARD PHELPS

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