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Jim,

I hope you are doing well. I'm sending you copies of two things I've found on George Bruce, a land grant and a Last Will & Testament. They are both from Edgecomb City, NC. I find it interesting that there is a witness on both documents who is a Barnes. Our George supposedly married a Susannah Barnes, these witnesses could be her relatives.

Next I need to find something on his marriage and birth (and his parentage).

If you have any thoughts or ideas, please let me know.

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IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST RECEIVED: March 29, 1996

- We have the following record(s) in which you may be interested:

Edgecombe County Wills

Bruce, George Xerox Copy
No Charge, copies enclosed.

- We have searched without finding

- Other:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If you wish to order copies of the records described on this form:

1. *Underline or check* the items desired.
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3. Mail to North Carolina State Archives, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2807.
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In the name of God amen I George Bruce of North
Carolina County being of sound and perfect
Mind and memory blessed be God I doe make and publish
this my last will and testament in manners
following that is to say first I give and bequeath
To my son Absalom Bruce twelve Shilling also
I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Johnston twelve
Shilling also I give my son James Bruce twelve
Shilling also I give my son Ayed Bruce twelve
Shilling Shilling also I give my daughter Sarah
Lawall twelve Shilling to be raised out of my
Estate also I give my daughter Sealy Bruce one
young maid by the name of Portia also I give
my daughter Pracey Bruce one young maid
By the name of Flower also I give all the rest
Of my property to be equally divided be tween
My son Jourdain Bruce and my two daughters
that is to say Sealy Bruce and Pracey Bruce
Whome I like wise constitute make and ordain
the sole executrix of this my last will and
Testament all by them joining to be proseced
And in forged and I doe hereby utterly disallow revoke
And disannul all and every other former testaments
Wills Legacies bequaths and executors by me in any
wise before named willed and bequethed and ratified
And confirmed and no other to be made or

And and memory beere of you I doe make and publish
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And confirmed and no other to be my last will
And testament in witness whereof I have set my
hand and seal this the Day of December in the year

Of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
six and have by make my son Jordan Bruce
Executor of his my last will and Testament
In witness whereof I the said Jacob Bruce
have to this my last will and Testament
set my hand and seal the day and year
above written

witness
Garrist Knight
Noah Barnes
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mark

Jacob Bruce Seal

not qualified

Essex County May Court 1807

The last Will and Testament of
Jacob Bruce decd. was duly proved in open Court
by the oath of Garrist Knight one of the subscrib-
ing witnesses thereto. Jordan Bruce the Exe-
cutor therein named, was at the same time
qualified thereto. Ordered that the same be cer-
tified and the Will recorded

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E. Hall C. C.