

In the name of God Amen This Eighteenth Day of March in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and eight nine I William Brittingham Senior of Accomack in Virginia being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory praised be God for the same Calling unto mind the uncertainty of this frail life and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following That I to say first and principally I commit my soule to God that good and true Body I commit to the earth to be buried in such Decent order as my Executors hereafter named I shall think fitt nothing doubting But at the resurrection I shall receive the same againe by the mighty power of God and as touching my worldly Estate which with in his mighty power to bless me in this life I give I bequeath and bequeath in maner and

first

I give and bequeath unto my Loving Sonne Samuel Brittingham the Plantation whereon he now liveth the said Land belonging to the said plantation being upon the Pitt Creek along a long a full mile to the one side fence to a great Gumme tree and soe to my heirs for ever For ever my son John Brittingham's Land and mine

Item

I give and bequeath unto my Loving wife Mary Brittingham the one third part of the Land and plantation whereon I now live with one third of the Orchards & housing thereon and the other two thirds thereof I give unto my son Nathaniel Brittingham unto whom alsoe after my aforesaid wifes marriage or Decease I give that third part of my aforesaid Land and plantation in this Couplet of my will Given and Left to my aforesaid wife for that after her marriage or Death my said son Nathaniel to have the whole to him and his heires Lawfully begotten for ever But in case of the Death of my said son Nathaniel I leave noe such heires as aforesaid then my will is that my son Samuell Brittingham have and enjoy the said Land & plantation whereon I now live to him and his heires for ever

Item

I give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel Brittingham one negro boy named Joshy one large feather bed with stand in the merchants Chamber with bolster Ring one pair of flayd & Bedstead Belonging thereto one Chest of drawers and long table with the chairs that stand there alsoe with all the chairs wth come over the Bay one great hon post all my wearing Cloaths Except my Black suit which I give to my son Joseph Brittingham one paire of pistols and holsters one Gun all my furring and Tunnors tools one young Gray mare

I give and bequeath to my Loving Child Rebecca Brittingham one feather bed and furniture and warm suit chest one hon post to a parcell of land where William Brittingham her late husband being by Libemation one hundred and fifty Acres more or less to her the said Rebecca Brittingham and the heires of her Body Lawfully begotten alsoe I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Rebecca three Cows & three Heifers and one Iron kettle

Item

I give unto my son Nathaniel Brittingham three Cows and three Heifers

Item

I give and bequeath unto my son William Brittingham four hundred Acres of Land lying and being in Summersett County being part of a dovidend or tract of Land sent a me my seven hundred Acres called winter quarter to him and his for ever

Item

I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Brittingham two hundred Acres of Land lying and being in Summersett County in Maryland being part of the dovidend of seven hundred Acres there called winter Quarter to him and his heires Lawfully begotten for ever

Item

I give & bequeath unto my aforesaid son Samuel Brittingham one hundred Acres of Land lying and being in Summersett County in Maryland being the remainder part being of my aforesaid tract of seven hundred Acres of Land called winter Quarter to him and his heires for ever

Item

I give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel Brittingham alsoe a great Chest also of hand mill not to be remoned

Item

I give and bequeath unto my Loving wife Mary Brittingham all the personall Estate which I had with her at the time of our marriage Be it of what kind soever in same specie I give unto my Loving son William Brittingham three sole Leather shoes and three upper Leather hides it being as atarrt

part of my Estate than what I have mentioned
 I give unto my Loving Son John Brittingham three old leather hides and three
 old leather hides it being as a Pair to kill him the said John for Laying any Claim
 to any part of my Estate
 I give and Bequeath unto my Loving Daughter Sarah Horsey five Shillings
 as a Pair to kill him for Laying any Claim
 I give and Bequeath unto my Son Jack Brittingham five Shillings as a Pair to kill
 him for Laying any Claim
 I give and Bequeath unto my Loving Son in Law Mr. Francis Thorrowgood the Meritt
 one half part of my piece of Marsh lying over Against the Landing of the
 Plantation whereon I now dwell lying and being in Summerlast County to him his
 Heirs or Assignes for Ever
 I give the other half of my aforesaid Piece of Marsh unto my Loving Son
 Nathaniell Brittingham to him his Heirs or Assignes for Ever
 And for all the rest and Remainder of my Cattle But wth a Bedy, bequeathed Excepted
 the said of young Beas with I give and Bequeath unto my Loving Daughter Ann Thorrowgood
 the remaining Cattle to remaine on the Plantation for the good and better Supp
 port of my Loving wife Mary Brittingham my Loving Son Nathaniell Britting
 ham and my Daughter Rebecca Brittingham and also the hogg, belonging to the
 Plantation I give unto my Loving wife Mary Brittingham and my young
 Daughter Rebecca Brittingham and my Son Nathaniell Brittingham for
 the better Support of the Families aforesaid
 I give and for all things now lying on this plantation to remaine for a the abo
 ve mentioned Cattle hogg be it is for the better Support of the family as aforesaid
 mentioned with out Division or removal of the plantation
 I give and for all provision of what nature and kind forever now on the plantation
 remaine for the better Support of the family as aforesaid mentioned
 I give and Bequeath unto my Loving Son Samuel Brittingham five old leather
 Hide and five offes Leather hides
 I give and Bequeath all the rest of my personall Estate Best of what nature
 or kind To be unto my two Son, Samuell Brittingham Nathaniell Brittingham
 and my Daughter Rebecca Brittingham to be Equally divided between my
 two Son and Daughter to them and their heirs for Ever
 And of this my last will and Testament I make Ordaine constitute and
 my Loving wife Mary Brittingham and my Loving Son in Law Mr. Francis
 Thorrowgood my full and whole Executors & Executive thereby making void
 and null all former wills by me made ratifying and confirming this and
 none other to be my last will and Testament In witness whereof I
 have signed with my hand & Seal this day & of years aforesaid written

Witnessed Sealed Published pronounced
 and Delivered by the above Said
 William Brittingham Senior
 in his last will & Testament
 In the presence of us

(the my will contained in two)
 (rest of paper)
 ff Brittingham
 The words Scratched in the third paragraph
 and fourth & seventh and eighth & the word
 (Long) Interlined before signing Sealing
 and Delivery here of with the words that of

Robt Pitt
 Ralph Milbourne
 Eliza Beth Pitt
 Thomas Traker

By the request and desire of the Subscriber William Brittingham Senior
 21 day of March 1709 did add what here sett down having by his the said
 order and request did give out too far of the 9 paragraph as the words above
 by Inter lining the word widowhood & the word marriage of Death in said paragraph
 saying Sealing and delivery hereof
 I give and Bequeath for reasons to my selfe and it is absolutely my
 will and desire my Loving Son Samuell Brittingham have and enjoy that
 ninth paragraph read out fromme the said Brittingham order also request
 my Loving Son Sam^l Brittingham as aforesaid Express the said Land called the
 lying and being in Summerlast County Mary Land Adjoyning & taken in part
 one third whereon I y^e said Brittingham now dwelleth upon to him y^e said
 Brittingham his heirs and Assignes

Witnessed Sealed and Delivered
 in presence of us
 Ralph Milbourne
 Robert Houston
 Samuel Hohear
 Robt Pitt

The within last will and Testament of
 William Brittingham last was proved in open
 City of Accomack County by y^e Oathes of Robert Pitt
 Robert Houston and Samuel Hohear which y^e 24th day
 a sufficient proofe and Ordered to be recorded Ap
 4th 5th 1709

Recorded May 5th 1709
 Robt Pitt
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