

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Brackett of the Parish of Raleigh and county of Amelia being of sound and disposing mind & memory do make - ordain and constitute this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore by me made

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my loving wife one half of the profits of my Negro Estate except those hereafter mentioned, Stock and the Plantation whereon I live my debts and legacies being first paid, I lend her the household furniture till my son Ludwell come of age from which time it is my desire that my said wife shall have the use of one half of the said Negroes and Stock, one half of the Plantation whereon I now live one half of the Furniture and all the old Spring neck of Land during her widowhood and this I intend shall be in lieu of her dower Item I lend to my Son - Thomas Brackett my two Negroes named Lander, and Sam the son of Conny to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever and in default of such heirs then I lend the said Slaves to my Son - Ludwell and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever and in default of such heirs I lend the said Slaves to my Son Benjamin and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever and in default of such heirs I lend the said Slaves to my Son - Boyle and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever and in default of heirs of the Bodies of all my Sons then I give and devise the said Slaves equally to be divided to my three Daughters Molly Phoebe and Nancy to them and their heirs for ever I also give and bequeath to my said Son Thomas Three cows and calves ten head of Sheep three Sows & pigs - together with one hundred Pounds Cash and it is my Will and desire that when he goes to housekeeping

my Executors herein after named shall furnish him out of my Estate with as much Corn and Meat as they shall think necessary for his support for the Year if it can be spared from the occasions of the family

Item I lend to my son Benjamin the free use and enjoyment of four hundred Acres of Land being the upper Part of the Tract whereon I now live adjoining Archers & Hudsons lines and the River and including the Old Plantation together with the following Slaves, to wit, Charles, Peter, Dick, George and Dilsey, the Land to my said son Benjamin and the heirs Male of his body lawfully begotten for ever and the said Negroes to my said son Benjamin and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever and in default of such heirs then to my son Boyle the Land to him and the heirs Male of his body lawfully begotten for ever and the Slaves to him and his heirs general in like manner and in default of such heirs then to my son Thomas and his heirs in like manner and in default of such heirs then to my son Ludwell and his heirs in like manner and in default of Male heirs of all my sons aforesaid then I lend the free use and enjoyment of the aforesaid Land to the heirs general or female of the body of my said son Benjamin lawfully begotten in like manner as I have lent the use of the aforesaid Negroes Charles Peter Dick George and Dilsey and in default of general heirs of the body of my said son Benjamin then I lend the free use and enjoyment of the said Land to the heirs general lawfully begotten of my other three sons Thomas Boyle and Ludwell in like manner as aforesaid with respect to my said five Negroes Charles Peter Dick George and Dilsey and in default of heirs of all my said sons then I lend the free use and enjoyment of the said four hundred Acres of Land and the five Slaves Charles Peter Dick George and Dilsey equally to be divided to my Daughters Phoebe and Nancy and to the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten for ever and in default such heirs I devise the said

Land and Slaves to my own right heirs

I Item I lend to my son Boyle my three Negroes named Beck and her two children Hampton and Lucy and their increase to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever and in default of such heirs then I lend the said Slaves and their increase to my son Benjamin and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever and in default of such heirs I lend the said Slaves and their increase to my son Thomas and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever and in default of such heirs I lend the said Slaves and their increase to my son Lucwell and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever and in default of such heirs I give the said Slaves and their increase equally to be divided to my Daughters Phebe and Nancey and to their heirs for ever I also give and bequeath to my said son Boyle a Bed and furniture of the value of Ten Pounds a horse of the value of Ten pounds, ten head of Sheep three Cows and Calves three Sows and Pigs and one hundred pounds in cash and it is my Will and desire that my said son Boyle in respect to his provisions of Corn and meat should fare in the same manner with my son Thomas I Item I lend to my Daughter Molly a likely Negro Girl between the age of Ten and Twenty Years to be purchased for her by my Executors herein after named and her increase to her my said Daughter Molly and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten for ever and in default of such heirs I lend the said Slave and her increase equally to be divided to my Daughter Phebe and Nancey and to the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten forever and in default of such heirs I give and bequeath the said Slave and her increase to my own right heirs I also give and bequeath to my said Daughter Molly a Bed and furniture of the value of Ten Pounds a Horse of the Value of six pounds and a new Saddle and Bridle now in her possession

I then I lend to my Daughter Nancy a likely Negro
Girl between the age of ten & twenty Years to be purchased
for her by my Executors herein after named and her
= increase to her my said Daughter Nancy and to the
heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever and in default
of such heirs I lend the said Negro Girl and her increase to
my Daughter Molly & Phebe equally to be divided to them
and their heirs lawfully begotten forever and in default of
such heirs I give the said Slave and her increase to my own
right heirs I also give and bequeath to my said Daughter
Nancy a Featherbed and furniture of the value of Ten
Pounds a Horse of the value of six Pounds with a new
Saddle and Bridle I then I lend to my Daughter Phebe
a likely Negroe Girl between the age of ten and twenty
Years to be purchased for her by my Executors herein after
named and her increase to my said Daughter Phebe and
the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever and in
default such heirs I lend the said Slave and her increase
equally to be divided to my Daughter's Nancy & Molly
and to the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten forever
and in default of such heirs I give and bequeath the
said Slave and her increase to my own right heirs
I also give and bequeath to my said Daughter Phebe
a Feather bed and furniture of the value of Ten Pounds
a Horse worth six Pounds and a new Saddle & Bridle
now in her possession I then I lend to my son Lucius
the free use and enjoyment of the remainder of the Tract
of Land whereon I now live (one half whereof with the
old Spring Neck I have above lent to his Mother
during her Widowhood) to him and the heirs Male of
his body lawfully begotten forever and in default of
such heirs I lend the free use and enjoyment of the
said Land to my son Thomas and the heirs Male of
his body lawfully begotten forever and in default of
such heirs then I lend the free use and enjoyment of
the said Land to my son Boyle and the heirs Male
of his body lawfully begotten forever and in default

I then I lend to my Daughter Nancy a likely Negro
Girl between the age of ten & twenty Years to be purchased
for her by my Executors herein after named and her
= increase to her my said Daughter Nancy and to the
heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever and in default
of such heirs I lend the said Negro Girl and her increase to
my Daughter, Molly & Phebe equally to be divided to them
and their heirs lawfully begotten forever and in default of
such heirs I give the said Slave and her increase to my own
right heirs I also give and bequeath to my said Daughter
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Pounds a Horse of the value of six Pounds with a new
Saddle and Bridle I then I lend to my Daughter Phebe
a likely Negroe Girl between the age of ten and twenty
Years to be purchased for her by my Executors herein after
named and her increase to my said Daughter Phebe and
the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever and in
default such heirs I lend the said Slave and her increase
equally to be divided to my Daughter's Nancy & Molly
and to the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten forever
and in default of such heirs I give and bequeath the
said Slave and her increase to my own right heirs
I also give and bequeath to my said Daughter Phebe
a Feather bed and furniture of the value of Ten Pounds
a Horse worth six Pounds and a new Saddle & Bridle
now in her possession I then I lend to my son Lucwell
the free use and enjoyment of the remainder of the Tract
of Land whereon I now live (one half whereof with the
old Spring Neck I have above lent to his Mother
during her Widowhood) to him and the heirs Male of
his body lawfully begotten forever and in default of
such heirs I lend the free use and enjoyment of the
said Land to my Son Thomas and the heirs Male of
his body lawfully begotten forever and in default of
such heirs then I lend the free use and enjoyment of
the said Land to my Son Boyle and the heirs Male
of his body lawfully begotten forever and in default

of such heirs I lend the free use and enjoyment of the said Land to my son Benjamin and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten for ever and in default of such heirs I lend the free use and enjoyment of the said Land to the heirs general or female of the body of my said son Lucretia lawfully begotten for ever and in default of such general heirs of the body of my said son Lucretia then the heirs general of or female of the bodies of my said sons Thomas Boyle and Benjamin in like manner as is before mentioned with respect to the heirs male of the their bodies respectively, and in default of heirs of the bodies of all my four sons I lend the free use and enjoyment of the said Land equally to be divided in quantity and quality to my Daughters Phoebe and Nancy and to their heirs lawfully begotten for ever and in default of such heirs I give and devise the said Land to my own right heirs

Item I give and bequeath to my said son Lucretia one half the profits of all my Land Slaves and Stock not herein before disposed of (my Debt and legacies being first paid) untill he shall arrive to the age of Twenty one Years at which time I lend my said son Lucretia one half of my said Negroes & their increase Stock and household furniture to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever and in default of such heirs I lend the said Negroes and their increase Stock and household furniture to my son Thomas and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever and in default of such heirs I lend the same to my son Benjamin and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever and in default of such heirs I lend the same to my son Boyle and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever and in default of such heirs I lend the said Slaves and their increase Stock and household furniture equally to be divided to my Daughters Molly Phoebe and Nancy and to the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten for ever

and in default of such heirs I give and bequeath my
Stock Slaves and furniture and their increase to my ^{own} right
heirs and in case my said Son Luowell shall die before he
attain the age of Twenty one Year my Will and desire is
that his part of the profits of my Estate in this clause of
my Will above mentioned be equally divided between my
said Daughters Molly Phoebe and Nancy

Item I lend to my said Son Luowell and to the heirs of
his body lawfully begotten forever (after the marriage or
death of his mother) all the negroes and their increase
Stock and household furniture I have lent her during her
Widowhood and if my said Son Luowell shall die
either before or after the death or marriage of his said
mother without such heirs above mentioned then I lend
to my said Son Thomas the said last mentioned Slaves
and their increase Stock and furniture to him my said
Son Thomas and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten
forever and in default of such heirs I lend the said
Slaves and their increase Stock and household furniture
to my said Son Benjamin and the heirs of his body
lawfully begotten forever and in default of such
heirs I lend the said Slaves and their increase Stock
and furniture to my Son Boyle and the heirs of his
body lawfully begotten forever and in default of such
heirs I lend the same equally to be divided to my
Daughters Molly Phoebe and Nancy to them and the
heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten forever and in
default of such heirs I give and bequeath the same
to my own right heirs Item my Will and desire is
that my Son Boyle shall have four & my Son Luowell
seven Years schooling in the whole out of the profits of
my Estate Item it is my Will that my Wife shall be
at liberty to work my Wench Edy or Condy either in the
house or otherwise as she shall think proper during
her widowhood I give to my daughter Sally (wife
to Bartholomew Shvare Junr. one Shilling Sterling
Item I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin

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either one of my three fells which he shall choose
a Bed and furniture of the value of Ten pounds
three Cows and calves ten head of Sheep half the
increase of the Stock of Hogs now on the plantation
I have lent him from the time of my death untill
the Legacies herein before given shall be raised and
as much Meat & Corn as my Executors shall think fit
for one Years provisions when he goes to housekeeping
if it can be spared from the necessary occasions of
my family. Item it is my Will and desire that the
Legacies of Beds Horses and other Stock's herein
before given to my Sons Thomas Benjamin & Boyle
and my three Daughters Molly Phoebe & Nancy
be paid to them by my Executors out of the furniture
horses and Stock which shall belong to my Estate
it not being my desire that my Executors shall be
obliged to raise money for these purposes And also
it is not my Will and desire that any of my Negroes
be sold to raise money for my Sons Thomas and
Boyle or for the purchase of Negroes for my Daughters
but it is my Will and desire that all of my Estate
except that part of my Lands and Slaves lent
my son Benjamin be kept together by my Executors
for these purposes and the maintenance of my
family till the necessary sums aforesaid be raised
out of the profits thereof and half the profits of
that part of my Estate lent to my son Benjamin
and the other half the profits of the said Lands and
Slaves so lent which shall arise from them untill
the aforesaid sums of money are raised I give my son
Benjamin at the aforesaid time he shall be put in
possession of the said Lands and Negroes and it is
my Will that my other children receive their respective
legacies when they arrive at the age of Twenty one years
or Marine provided they can be raised in the above
manner by that time My Will is that no Timber
shall be cutt off any of my Lands by my Executors

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as he

on him but what shall be for the plantation's Use
 when my Son Ludwell comes of Age he may make use
 of what Blackwalnut he pleases & if my Wife refuses
 to stand to this my Will and takes her things her down
 Slaves to go to my Son Ludwell under the limitations
 aforesaid Lastly I appoint my beloved Wife Susith
 Bracket Executrix and my son Benjamin and my
 Son in law Bartholomew Storall Junr & my friend
 John Scott Executors of this my last Will and Testament
 consisting of seven Pages & signed with my name at
 the foot of every page In Witness whereof I have
 hereunto sett my hand and affixed my Seal this
 fourteenth day March in the Year of Christ one
 thousand seven hundred and seventy two

signed sealed published &
 cleared by the said Testator
 his last Will and Testament

in presence of us

J^r Scott
 William Low
 Sarah ^{Jun} Farris
^{or} ~~and~~
 Esther Teild

Thomas Bracket *LB*

At a Court held for Amelia County the 28th day of May 1772
 This Will was proved by the Oaths of John Scott William
 Low Sarah Farris and Esther Teild witnesses thereto
 sworn to by Susith Bracket and Bartholomew
 Storall Junr the Executrix and one of the Executors
 therein named and ordered to be Recorded And on
 motion of the said Executrix and Executor who
 entered into Bond as the law directs Certificate
 for obtaining a probate in due form was granted
 them

Test
John Ride *LR*

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7 Deep Hooks 3/6 Iron Skillet 2/6 Pitched 10/ ... 8 11 16
 Parcel of Shoe Last 1/6 pair of Millars 2/6 ... 0 8
 Parcel of Shoe Leather 16/ 3 Old Chests 10/ 2 Tables 1/ ... 1 11
 small Trunk & Sugar Box 3/ box Iron & Beaters 2/6 ... 0 5
 2 Dishes 3 3 bottles Ink & traps Old Candle Stick 2/6 ... 0 5
 Pair of Money & Shales 2 Flavors Shop & an Old hone 5/ ... 0 5
 Parcel of Old Books 2/6 parcel of Vials 1/3 200 Shears 3/ ... 0 6
 Old belt Old Locking Glass Case brush & Chairs ... 0 7
 10 geese 5 Turkeys & 22 Dungenhill Fowls ... 1 3
 Case of Knives & Forks ... 0 4
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Taken the 15 of April 1773 by John Groch

Alexander Bruce

John Galt

In Obedience to the Command of Amelia Court we the Subscribers
 being First sworn hath Appraised the Estate of Thomas Brackett
 Decd. which is as follows Viz

One Negro man Named England ... 80 0 0
 One D^r ... d^r ... Jacob ... 80 0 0
 One D^r ... d^r ... Dilcey ... 70 0 0
 One D^r ... d^r ... Simon ... 90 0 0
 One D^r ... d^r ... Peter ... 65 0 0
 One D^r ... d^r ... Richard ... 55 0 0
 One D^r ... d^r ... George ... 75 0 0
 one Negro Named Letice ... 40 0 0
 One d^r ... d^r ... Sam ... 90 0 0
 One D^r ... D^r ... Launder ... 75 0 0
 One D^r ... D^r ... Cley ... 65 0 0
 one D^r ... D^r ... Condy & young Simon ... 75 0 0

One D ^o . . . d ^o Lucy . . .	30	0	10
One D ^o . . . d ^o Beck . . .	60	0	0
One D ^o . . . d ^o Hampton . . .	35	0	0
One D ^o . . . d ^o King . . .	35	0	0
One D ^o . . . d ^o Charles . . .	65	0	0
27 head of pigs . . .	10	0	0
27 head of cattle . . .	55	10	0
1 Waggon & Team . . .	52	10	0
26 head of sheep . . .	13	10	0
2 black Mares . . .	5	0	0
4 bay horse & colt . . .	15	0	0
4 bay Mare & colt . . .	8	0	0
10 Yearlings . . .	6	5	0
6 sows 22 pigs & 1 Burrow . . .	6	0	0
1 Bed & Furniture . . .	8	0	0
1 D ^o and D ^o . . .	10	0	0
1 D ^o and D ^o . . .	10	0	0
1 D ^o and d ^o . . .	6	0	0
1 D ^o and d ^o . . .	10	0	0
1 D ^o and d ^o . . .	9	0	0
1 D ^o and D ^o . . .	6	0	0
1 D ^o & 4 D ^o . . .	5	0	0
1 d ^o and d ^o . . .	8	0	0
2 Chests . . .	0	15	0
A parcel of Window Glass . . .	1	15	0
2 Chamber pots . . .	0	2	0
1/2 Dozen of Flag Cheers . . .	1	10	0
2 Tables . . .	2	10	0
2 Chests 30/ 1 Box 4/ . . .	1	14	0
Prayers Shop & Fence . . .	0	4	0
A parcel of Earthen Ware . . .	1	0	0
A parcel of Bottles &c . . .	0	4	6
A parcel of Sags & Butter &c . . .	1	0	0
10 Cyder Casks 30/ one small Cask 2/ . . .	1	12	0
1 Saddle & horse Harness Belts & saddle bags . . .	2	7	6
A parcel of Leather 40/ 2 p ^{ts} sheep shears 1/6 . . .	2	1	6

1 pair of Millars r/sb - 1 half Bush 1/2	L 2 1/2
5 spinning Wheels	1 " 10-0
2 candle sticks and 1 Mould	0 " 4-0
A parcel of Pewter	2 " 10-0
A spice mortar and Pestle	0 " 7-6
1 Tea Kettle 3/ 1 Kettle 40/	2 " 5-0
1 Box Iron & Pickers & 1/2 Iron	0 " 12-6
1 Grid Iron & Killet	0 " 5-0
Knives & Forks 4/ 17 Baygo 20/	1 " 4-0
A parcel of Feathers	5 " 10-0
1 Cart & Wheels	4 " 10-0
42 Pows & Parcel of Lires	1 " 3-0
1 Whip & 20/ 2 1/2 doz Irons 40/	3 " 10-0
5 Iron Pots & 2 1/2 doz Forks	1 " 10-0
2 Frying Pans	0 " 5-0
7 Cedar Tubbs & pails	1 " 0-0
31 Old hoes	2 " 10-0
7 Axes	1 " 15-0
0 Iron Wedges	1 " 10-0
18 Reap Forks	0 " 10-0
A parcel of Old Tools	0 " 12-6
1 Steel Plate Saw	1 " 5-0
1 Shade & branding Iron	0 " 3-0
	13/11 " 4-0

Given under our hands this 19th day of April 1779

Christopher Hudson

John Royall

Edmd. Walker

John Compton

At a Court held for Amelia County the Day of April
This Appraisment of Thomas Brackets Estate was
returned into Court and ordered to be Recorded

Test John Pide DC