

Brant } In The Name of God Amen. I John Brant of Cornwall Parish
22 } in the County of Charlotte being now in health of Body and of Sound and disposing mind and mem-
-ory and considering the uncertainty of this present Life, do make and ordain this my Last Will
and Testament, Viz. I commend my Soul into the hands of God who gave it; and my Body
to the dust to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors, hoping for its resur-
-rection to Eternal Life. and as to the Worldly Estate with which it hath pleased God to bless
me, I will and ordain that it be disposed of as followeth, To wit. I give and bequeath unto
my son James Brant all that tract or parcel of Land which I Bought of David Logans
Lying on Wallers Creek in this County to him and to his heirs forever. Item, I give and
bequeath unto my son Thomas Baldwin Brant one division of the tract of Land in which
I now live, the dividing Line to begin at the mouth of a draught that empties itself into Wall
Creek near the upper end of the Plantation thence up the said draught to a Bend of
the Draught thence a direct course to the fork of Wallers Branch below Wallers Plan-
tation thence up the south Fork of the said Branch to Andrews line, including the Plan-
tation in which I now live together with all that division of the said Tract of Land
lying on the South West side of the said dividing line, to him and to his heirs forever
Reserving, giving and bequeathing unto my dearly beloved wife Margaret this said division
of my Land during her natural Life that she having the full use and sole right thereof unto
the end of her life and maintain herself and them in the

of my Land during her natural life, that she having the full use and sole right thereof until
her death, may be enabled to educate my Children, and maintain herself and them in the
best manner my Estate will permit. Item, and if my wife above named shall bear me a
Son after the date of this my Last Will and Testament, I give and bequeath unto my son
that may be so born all the remaining division of the Tract of Land on which I now
live, Lying on the north East side of the said dividing line above described, to him and to his
heirs forever. Item, But if no such Son shall be born to me as before described, or if he shall
die Intestate and without heirs of his body, or if it shall be found ^{that is} contrary to Law that
he should have the said Land as I have herein willed and bequeathed it to him, or
either of these cases I will and ordain, and I do hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter
Jane Brent the said remaining division of the Tract of Land on which I now live Lying on
the north East side of the above described dividing lines to her and to her heirs forever. Item
I give and bequeath unto my son James Brent a Legacy of Fifty Pounds, to my son Thomas
Caldwell Brent a Legacy of Eighty Pounds, and to each of my daughters Jane Brent,
Catharine Brent, Elizabeth Brent and Margaret Brent a Legacy of Twenty Pounds, to each
of them and their heirs forever; also a Legacy of twenty Pounds to every son or daughter
which my wife may bear to me after this date, and I give my Colt known by the name of
young Jack as a Legacy to my son James Brent, to him and their heirs forever. Item I will
and ordain, that all Bonds and accounts due to me be collected as far as possible, and applied

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which my wife may bear to me after this date, and I give my Colt known by the name of
young Jack as a legacy to my son James Brent, to them and their heirs forever. Item I will
and ordain, that all Bonds and accounts due to me be collected as far as possible, and applied
to the discharge of my Just debts and the above Legacies, and that so much of my moveable
Estate be sold as will fully discharge all the remainder of my debts and Legacies. Item
I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret all and singular the remainder

of my Estate both real and personal not already mentioned or disposed of in this my last will
 and Testament, to be her right and property during her natural life, for her support and
 maintenance and to enable her to maintain and educate my children and to hereby
 authorize and empower my said Wife to give and bequeath by her last Will and Testament
 or otherwise at her discretion, the whole and every part of the said remainder of my Estate
 to all or any of my Children now born or which she shall hereafter bear to me but to no
 other person or persons, to be for them or either of them and their heirs forever. But if my
 said Wife should die before she has disposed of the said remainder of my Estate agreeable
 to my true intention above expressed, I will and ordain that the whole said remainder
 of my Estate both real and personal be equally divided between all my Daughters
 now born, and any daughters which my wife above named may bear to me after this date
 to be for them and their heirs forever. But if my above named daughter Jane should
 become the heir of the division of my Lands as is herein devised, I will and ordain that
 she be excluded from any part of the above described remainder of my Estate. Item.
 I will and ordain that my Son James Brent be bound until he comes to age to learn
 some Trade if it shall be judged best by my Executors, and Finally I do hereby
 Will and ordain, constitute and appoint my wife Margaret Brent Executrix,
 and Gent. Paul Carrington, Capt. John Patrick, and Maj. Joel Watkins
 Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and disannulling all

and Capt. Paul Carrington, Capt. John Vabrick, and Maj. Joel Watkins
Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all
former Wills by me made, declaring this to be my only true Last Will and Testament.
In Witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and affixed my Seal this sixteenth
day of April in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven.
Signed, Sealed, published and delivered in presence of } John Brent, L. S.
Caleb Wallace, Valentine Sublet, Hannah ^{her} Austin, Jane ^{her} Henry.

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 6th day of August 1781

The foregoing Last Will and Testament of John Brent Gentleman dec^d was exhibited in
Court by Margret Brent the Executrix and Paul Carrington and Joel Watkins Gentlemen
two of the Executors therein named, and the same was proved by the Oaths of Hannah Austin
and Jane Henry two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed and ordered to be Recorded, on the motion
of the said Executrix and Executors who made Oath according to Law Certificate is Granted them
for Obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form, they giving Security, whereupon they
together with, William Morton, James Daugherty, and Robert Caldwell their securitys, entered
into, and Acknowledged their bond for that purpose, reserving Liberty to John Brent the
then Executor to join in the probate thereof when he shall think fit.

Truly Recorded

Teste Thomas Read. Clerk

James M. H. to be entered in 8 wills, must be paid to