

In the name of God Amen April the 17th 1769 I John Bradley of Charles City County being of perfect mind and memory Thanks be to Almighty God for the same and calling to mind the Mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to live & come backe I ordain this to be my last will and Testament. That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I commend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and my worldly estate I dispose of in the following manner and form

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Bradley after my wife's decease the house and manner plantation whereon I now dwell together with two hundred and twenty five acres of ^{my} land Bounded as followeth to the same more or less Viz: Beginning at a corner Simon's tree at the River on Gregory's line. Thence along the said line to the Road to the head line thence along the said head line to a corner Spanish Oak, thence to the great spring thence to a cooling tree, thence to the head of a branch commonly called the timber tree branch. thence down the said branch to a Ditch thence along the Swamp side to a corner Poplar thence a strait line two hundred and twenty five yards and at the end of two hundred and twenty five yards a strait line to a Spanish Oak on the side of the great Island thence to the Westward to the long Island thence down the middle of the gulf to Gregory's line thence along the said line to the place begun at and my will and desire is that my son John Bradley when he shall come to the age of twenty one years on a day possess the half of the land and plantation before mentioned and after my wife's decease to possess the other half to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Dancy Bradley the other half of my land which is two hundred and twenty five acres by computation to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Betty Dancy Bradley one Negro girl named Anne to her and her heirs forever

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Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Eyles one Negro girl named Tancy which I have given her now in possession and Ten shillings to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Bradley one negro boy named Abram, to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Dancy Bradley one negro boy named Jupiter to him and his heirs forever.

Item I leave in the possession of Mary my wife all my negroes not before mentioned all my stock goods and chattels within door and without after my just debts and legacies paid. I leave in possession of Mary my wife for and during her natural life or widowhood, and after my wife's decease or marriage my will is that there it be equally divided among my two sons John & Dancy Bradley and my two daughters Betty Dancy & Ann Bradley, Item I ordain and appoint Mary my wife Executrix and John Mingo and Thomas Holt and James Gyles my Executors of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and disannul all and every former will whatsoever and according to the true meaning of the same I have set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date first above written.

Signed sealed & Published by the said John Bradley as his last will & Testament.

John Bradley.



In presence of us

Joseph Roper

Benjamin Bradley

John Goodrich

At a Court held for Charles City County Wednesday the 7th Day of February 1770

The afore written Last will and Testament of John Bradley deceased was presented in Court by Thomas Holt and James Gyles two of the Executors therein named, and being proved by the oaths of Joseph Roper Benjamin Bradley and John Goodrich the Witnesses thereto, is ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said Executors and making Oath according to Law certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form. They giving security, whereupon they together with Williams Christian and John Dancy their Securities entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of three thousand pounds current money with condition according to Law Liberty is reserved for the other Executors named in the said will to come in and join in the probat thereof whenever they shall think fit.

Test

Mordecai Putnam Cl. Cur.