

Bradley  
of Release  
Mitchel

To the Justices of the worshipful court of Charles City. This is to certify that I am of lawful age and that James Bradley my Guardian may be released from his guardianship. —

Teste  
Samuel Mifflin Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Benjamin Bradley

Mary Mitchel  
20<sup>th</sup> September 1792

At a Monthly Court held for Charles City County at the Courthouse Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1792. — The aforesaid Guardian account was this day returned and ordered to be recorded. —

Teste  
Oliver Byrd Esq<sup>r</sup>

Benjamin Brew  
his Will

I, Benjamin Brew of Charles City County, being in a weak low state of body, but of a sound and perfect sense & memory, do make this my last Will & Testament in the manner and form as followeth. —

Item. I give unto my son Robert R. Brew, my land & plantation that lies over the long branch & Cattails, being the land my Father gave me, & part of what I bought of Williams, which land I give to my said son & his Heirs forever. — Item. I give unto my son Joshua Brew, all that tract of Land, and plantation called Macks, which I bought of Richard Bland, to him, and his forever. —

Item. I leave the use of the Land, & plantation, whereon I now dwell, to my five Daughters, viz. Sarah, Margaret, Miriam, Elizabeth, and Hannah, & my son Benjamin, equally between them, during their single lives, and his minority, and on his coming to age of twenty one years, the said Land, & plantation, with <sup>the</sup> houses, to be equally divided between my aforesaid five daughters, and my son Benjamin; my daughters to have the use of one half during their single lives, or life, and after the marriage, or decease of all my said five daughters, I give the whole of the said land, & plantation, to my son Benjamin Brew, & his heirs forever.

Item. I give to each of my abovesaid daughters, one feather bed, bedstead, and furniture, to be chosen by them according to seniority to them and their heirs forever. — Item. I give to my son Joshua Brew, on his coming of age, the sum of twelve pounds, to him, and his heirs forever. — Item. I give unto my son Benjamin Brew, on his coming to age, the sum of twelve pounds, to him and his <sup>heirs</sup> forever. Both which money legacies are to be raised out of my estate, and paid to my two —

last mentioned and by my Executors hereafter named. — Item. All the rest of my estate that is not mentioned, and given away, I desire may be sold, and the money arising thereby to be equally divided among all my children. — Item. I desire that my estate may not be appraised. — And lastly I do constitute, and appoint my son Robert, and my Nephew John Brew, Executors to this my last Will & Testament. — In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my seal, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of the 9<sup>th</sup> month, in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred, & ninety two.

Sealed & acknowledged by Benjamin Brew  
to be his last Will in presence of }  
John Brew, James Ladd, Thos Ladd.

Benjamin Brew 

At a Monthly Court, held for Charles City County, on Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1792. — The aforesaid last Will and Testament of Benjamin Brew deceased was proved by the affirmations of John Brew, and John Ladd, two of the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded; and on the motion of Robert Brew, and John Brew the Executors therein named, who affirmed according to law, and together with John Brew sen<sup>r</sup> and Thomas Ladd their securities entered into, and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds conditioned as the law directs; certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form. —

Teste

Stway Boyd C.C.

John Gregory  
Inventory }

Inventory, and appraisement of the estate of Major John Gregory, decd, taken January the 21<sup>st</sup> 1791. —

	£	s	c
One Negro man, George, £20 One little, Lewis, £35	55	..	..
One little, James, £70 One boy, Charles, £45 One little, Shepherd, £25	140	..	..
One boy, Jeff, £30 One little, Ned, £15 One little, Child, London, £10	55	m	m
One Woman, Fanny, £95 One little, Judy, £40	65	m	m
One Girl, Lucy, £30 One little, Hannah, £30 One little, Sally, £25	85	..	..
One little, Jenny, £20 One little, Rachel, £15	35	m	m
One gray Horse, £25, One Roan, little, £1.10	26	10	..
One old Bay Mare, £5 One Young, little, £2.10	27	10	..
One banded Cow & Calf, £3 One banded & white, £2 9 D <sup>r</sup> 4 D <sup>r</sup> 2.10	5	10	..
One white cow, £3 One black, little £2.10 One pale red £2.5	7	15	..
One dark Brinded little, £3 One pale red £3. face little, £2.10	5	10	..
One red & white little, £2.15 One heifer, £1.10	4	5	..
Three young Steers, £3.5 Two yearlings £1.10 four sheep, £2	6	15	..
Ten Hogs, £13 Pigs, £3.10 Three fat Hogs, £3	6	10	..
40 Barrels of corn at 10/- £20. six Bushells of wheat, £16, £1.13	21	13	..
Carded over ..	£	54.6	18

By account of the sales of the estate	£55. 18. 11
By the hire of a negro boy named Robt to J. Ladd til he arrives to twenty one years of age	18. 11. 0
By the hire of a negro boy named James to Thos Ladd til he arrives to twenty one years of age	14. 0. 6
By a balance received of James Ladd	1. 6. 6
	<u>£ 81. 16. 11</u>

Agreeable to an order of Charles City Court we have stated and settled the estate of William Gill Jr with John Crew his executor, and find a balance due the estate of the said William Gill of thirty three pounds seventeen shillings and ten pence three farthings. — Given under our hands this 3<sup>d</sup> day of September 1793.

Richard Gorrell  
James Ladd  
Henry Vaughan

At a monthly court held for Charles City County on Thursday the nineteenth day of September 1793. — The aforesaid settlement of the estate of William Gill deceased was this day returned and ordered to be recorded. —

Tester  
Olway Byrd Esq.

An Inventory of the estate of Benjamin Crew son<sup>t</sup> dec'd taken October 1793

Inventory of the estate of Benj. Crew Two Houses, Fifteen head of cattle, Fourteen head of sheep, thirty head of hogs, seven feather Beds and furniture, two walnut Tables, one oak and one pine ditto, one small maple ditto, one walnut candle stand, one Chest of drawers, one maple Desk, six leather bottom Chairs, twenty rush bottom ditto, seven Chests, two looking Glasses, Twenty bound books, twelve paper ditto, one silver watch, two pair of Andirons, three flat Irons, one box Iron and Heaters, six table cloths, four Napkins, five Iron Pots, and three foot racks, three bottom wheels, and four Linen ditto, one Lamp and the appurtenances, four pair of cotton cards, and three pair of Woolen ditto, one Gun, one vase and bottles, two Brass candlesticks, and one Iron ditto, two pair of snuffers, one coffee mill, five stone Jugs, a few quart Bottles, two Tea canisters, a set of shaving Instruments, a set of shoe Brushes, one pair of tea scales & weights, one pair of money ditto & ditto, one Carpenter's Adze, one Sinter, one jack plane, one smoothing ditto, two drawing knives, six Axes, one gouge & three chisels, six Augers, one sawing knife, one fleshing ditto, one frying pan, one Dutch oven, one spit, six sides of leather, two mens Saddles & Bridles, one side saddle, three pair Steelyards, three water pails, two washing Tubs & one Noggins, one cart and wheels, one Turnbail & wheels, two dozen & half queen's China Plates & two Dishes.

two punch Books and one ladle, one dozen Teacups & saucers, two Tumbler glasses, one small trunk, about three hundred Gallons Cyder, eight or ten Gallons Brandy, fifteen Gallons Vinger, fifteen Cyder bottles, a parcel of Bacon supposed to be two hundred weight, two grubing Hoes, five weeding dittos, two fat pots with fat in them, one butter pot, and one pickle pot, three negro Girls, & one boy till they arrive to lawful age, six empty wheat Hogsheads, one old copper Kettle, one Iron ditto, one shoe maker's bench & Tools, a parcel of Wool, ditto of cotton, ten powder Dishes, five Basins, & one dozen pewter Plates, one dozen Knives, and forks, thirty Geese, fifty Poultry, two flax huckles, and some unbroke flax, a parcel of homony Beans, five barrow teeth, one brog cut saw, & two hand saws, three mill Bags, two meal Tubs, two meal, sieves & two wheat ditto, three pair Iron wedges, four bushels of dried Apples, one hundred and twenty Bushels of Wheat, fifty Barrels born, and the Fodder that grow theron, there was also found in the house George Roysters Bond for seven pounds, and twenty pounds in Cash.

Robert Brew  
& Co.  
John Brew

At a monthly court held for Lebarles City County on Thursday the nineteenth day of September 1793.

The aforeswitten Inventory of the estate of Benjamin Brew deceased was this day returned and ordered to be recorded.

Teste Oliver Byrd Esq.

Account of the Inventory & Appraisement of the estate of John Dudley deceased December 5<sup>th</sup> 1792.

6 Hens £20.	14 bottle £40.	4 Calves £4.	20 Sheep £15.	£ 99.0.0
20 hogs £80.	4 horses £67.	Oxcart £10.	£5.	92.0.0
6 barrow teeth 16f.	Desk and book base £12	mahogany Table £6.	18.16.0	
walnut Table 30f.	6 ditto chairs 80f base and 12 bottles 4f. looking glass 8.0.0			
Musket powder horn 90f.	2 bowls 40f. chest candlesticks 80.45f.	7.15.0		
1p <sup>r</sup> . Handirons 90f Books 70f. small trunk 6f. 12 large spoons £15..	19.16.0			
Doz. small spoons 6f. saddle biddle 8f. 40f. razor & base hon 8f. 20f..	6.0.0			
Pair shoe Buckles 2 p <sup>r</sup> . knee ditto 2 p <sup>r</sup> . shoe ditto 60f. 3 hats of furniture £10.0.0				
Box and lumber 20f. coffee pot 116.5 reaps Hocks 10f. button 30f. ....	4.7.6			
2 sheets of tub. 20f. flax huckle. 20f large copper £9. - 5 Iron pots £5..	16.0.0			
Tin Hitter 10f. Iron ditto & skillet 10f. spit of box Iron 10f. 20f handirons 2f. ....	2.15.0			
Loom & slays 10f. Potracks 12f. Burn Stand 5f. 3 spinning wheels 6f. ....	6.0.6			

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1 Book of A Scale of Gunpowder 12 lbs	£ 6 - 11 - 0
1 pair Spur & 1 horse whip	0 - 18 - 0
Wearing Apparel	12 - 10 - 0
1 Powder horn and shot belt	3 - 0
	£ 233 - 2 - 0

In Obedience to an Order of the Worshippfull Court of Charles City County to us directed which is hereunto annexed we the Subscribers met and being first sworn did appraise the Personal Estate of Alexander Edloe died in Current money as above States Given under hands this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1798.

Samuel Poyer

Thomas Ballard

John Timberlake

At a monthly Court Continued and held for Charles City County at the Courthouse on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1799

The aforwriten Inventory and appraisement of the Estate Alexander Edloe deceased was this day returned and ordered to be Recorded.

Teste Ro. Munford ex.

I Benjamin Crew of Charles City County being in a low state of health but of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following That I leave the use of all my estate of every kind to my loving wife Mary Crew during her widowhood the better to enable her to support and educate my Children but in case of my said wife marriage my desire is that she may then have the use of one third part of said estate during her life and the other two thirds be equally divided amongst all my Children vizt Chappel, Deborah, Elwin, Daniel, and Isaac Crew and at the decease of my said wife the remaining one third to be in like equal manner among all my Children above named secondly I desire my estate may not be appraised Lastly I appoint my loving wife Mary Crew sole Executrix to this my last Will and Testament given under my hand and seal this sixth day of the sixth month one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

Signed &amp; acknowledged

In presence of us

Samuel Johnson Robert Crew

Peter Ladd Joseph Crew

Benj<sup>a</sup> Crew (Seal)

At a monthly Court held for Charles City County at the Courthouse on Thursday the seventeenth day of October 1799

The aforwriten last Will and Testament of Benjamin Crew is deed was this day in open Court proved by the oaths of Samuel Johnson, Robert Crew and Peter Ladd three of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of Mary Crew the Executrix therein named who made affirmation according to law and thereupon she together with Robert Crew and Peter Ladd her securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of two thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste Ro. Munford ex.

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Richmond 15th November 1787

Codicil to my will.

I am setting out for another trip to Portsmouth

tomorrow, or next day, and in case of my death before I return, or make a more regular Will, this paper is to contain my last will and testament, revoking all other. I direct that my body be for the present deposited somewhere on the hill in Charles City near where my Barn lately stood called the mill quarter Barn, and as soon as ever the season will admit of it, a vault is to be made of brick and walled in, and my Body deposited in it, and my wife Anna remains here to be brought there and deposited along side of me. I trust this business to my friend Capt Anthony Singletor and I hope he will not delay the execution of it longer than can possibly be avoided, if he does, and I am permitted to haunt him I will do it as sure as I die, I am very impatient to be with my Anna, and I am sure she would be as impatient to be with me. I leave Singletor fifty golden Guineas for this office, to lay out in a ring, or any other token of remembrance. I do not decline mentioning my wife Susanna, and my baby at Carter, because my affection for them is turned, but from some things which have passed between myself and some of his family, I expect I should not be a welcome guest among them; if here after we have any remembrance of our former state. In this serious hour I call my God to witness, that I am the aggrieved and not the aggressor. To my dear friend Abby Willing of Philadelphia twenty guineas must be sent immediately on my death with a lock of my hair. God forgive my Baby if I die, what will become of him; but I trust him and all my fortune, both real and personal for his are to my friends, and worthy relations my brother Carter and Bay<sup>r</sup> Harrison of Portbuder, or to be more in the words of the law, I give to my son Benjamin Harrison now an infant under three months etc all my estate both real and personal to him and his heirs forever, if he lives to come of age or many, subjecting the same however to the payment of my just debts, and the legacies before given, and now to be given, before I finish writing, I permit my executors to manage my estate in buying and selling just as their judgment directs them, for I know that they will do for the best, and I command my son to abide by their bargains if he lives to come of age. I give to my kind Father my Chariot and four of my best horses. If my child dies before he comes of age, or marries, and my Father should be alive, I direct that every shilling of money that I may be worth after paying my just debts, may go toward paying his my fathers debts, if he owes as much, and what may be left I divide between my brother Carter, and William, and their heirs forever, they taking

The Negro girl Sally that I have given to Biggs Ancestral is to be secured to her son, her and her heirs forever, and in case of her death, to Anna Carter, and her heirs forever.

bequeath'd to my son George one negro gal named Rachael and one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever. And lastly my will and desire is that all the residue of my estate (after giving the above legacies) be sold and the money arising therefrom to be applied to the payment of my just debts and what remains after paying my debts to be equally divided between my two sons Major and Benjamin. And I also constitute and appoint my son Edw. Marable and Edw. Walker, executors to this my last will and testament.

Signed sealed and - - - - -

acknowledged in presence of

Wm Morecocke, John Meek junr.

Edw. Marable, Seal

At a monthly Court held for Charles City County at the Courthouse on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1805. The aforeswitten last will and testament of Edw. Marable dec'd was this day presented in Court and being proved by the oath of William Morecocke one of the witnesses thereto was ordered to be recorded, the executors named in said will appeared in Court and refused to qualify.

Tester

Wyatt Walker Esq

Bony. Boys	1792	The Estate of Benjamin Brew dec'd in acc't with Robert & John Brew	<sup>Esq's</sup>
Settlement of his estate	1792	Mo. Paid Booker Brewer for making Coffin	£ 12 0
		- John Evans for digging grave	0 4 0
		- Bony. Brew brandy tax	0 3 4 ½
		- Joseph Mountcastle acc't	0 5 9
11 M <sup>r</sup>		Humphrey Richards do	8 19 1 ½
		- Jeffrey William for getting shovels	12
		Paid Christian & Farnell acc't	1 6 6
		- Edmund Christian for crying the estate	0 10 0
		To Robert Brew's services 7 ½ Months after	
		- testator's death and before the sale	4 0 0 0
		To a credit on James Sadd's books of 200 <sup>00</sup>	
		tobacco placed to testator, & dice. Ro. Brew	2 0 0 0
1793		Paid for recording decedents Will 8 <sup>00</sup>	1 10 2 ½
3rd M <sup>r</sup>		Doctor Dixon his account	2 0 0 0
		- James Sadd for brandy tax	0 3 9
		- decedents tax and levies for 1792	0 10 11 ½
		- Tonell Christian for Schooling	1 10 0
11 M <sup>r</sup>		Widow and N. Connico their acc't	6 3 0 ¾
		Thomas Sadd 16 <sup>00</sup> their acc't	11 7 11 ¾
		- John Brew Gent. his acc't	0 9 3
1794	9 M <sup>r</sup>	Wm. Royall his acc't	2 18 6
		- Sarah Brew legatee	27 1 6
		Margaret Brew do	27 7 4
1795		John Brew junr. for wife do	27 0 0
1796		Jose Hunnicutt do do	27 0 0
1797		Elizabeth Brew do do	27 5 0
1803		Paid Joshua Brew do	40 2 3

1805	Benjamin Brew do	\$ 19.00
	To a comm <sup>n</sup> of 5% on the amount of Estate to executors	15..5..0
		235..17..4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	To Robert Brew a Legatee	27..0..0
	Balance due the Estate	282..17..4 $\frac{1}{2}$
		22..8..7 $\frac{1}{2}$
		305..6..0
		22..0..0
1792	By amount of Sales	265..12..1 $\frac{1}{2}$
1793	Cash found in the house	20..9..3
	Wheat paid Humphrey Richards	8..19..1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Wheat paid Christian & Kendall	1..6..6
1793	Plank sold Thomas Todd	2..2..0
	By John Carter Jr	0..3..0
	Shields Vaughan Jr	0..6..0
1795	Execution ags <sup>t</sup> Freeman Brown Jr	1..10..0
1797	By George Royston's estate	3..0..0
		305..6..0
		22..0..0

At the subscribers on obedience to an order of the respectable Court of Charles City County to us directed have examined and settled the accounts shown us by Robert and John Brew execs of Benjamin Brew dec<sup>d</sup> and find a balance, in their hands, of twenty two pounds eight shillings and seven pence half penny as stated p debit side.

Samuel Harapaver, James D. Ladd,  
John Ladd, Robert Ladd,  
the 10<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1805

At a monthly court held for Charles City County at the Courthouse on Thursday the Nineteenth day of December 1805.  
The aforeswitten settlement of the estate of Benjamin Brew dec<sup>d</sup>, was this day returned and ordered to be recorded and is truly recorded.

Wyatt Walker C.C.

### Inventory of the estate of John Buck dec<sup>d</sup> Jan<sup>t</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1806

John Buck<sup>d</sup> 3 Sows 13 Shacks, 8 pigs, 4 Cows, 1 yearling, 2 horses, 1 Colt 1 Cock fodder  
Inventory 1 Slack, Shucks, 2 house carts, 1 Still and Worm 1 Scine, 2 Battalions  
12 barrels 3 hogheads, 1 Quino stones 5 axes 1 Ape, plow, 1 fan mill  
parcel oats rye and corn 3 bee hives 1 whip saw 1 hand saw, parcel  
carpenters tools 1 Negro woman 1 Negro boy 1 Girl 1 Negro man, 4 harrow  
hoss, 3 feather beds 3 blankets, 2 bed quilts, 3 sheets 4 Counter panes  
3 bed steeds 2 pillows and pillow cases, 8 rush bottom chairs  
3 leather d<sup>r</sup> 2 black walnut tables, 1 pine table, 1 tea stand 1 desk  
3 chests, 1 cupboard 2 looking glasses, 1 hand bellows 1 fl<sup>r</sup> and uers  
pt. tongs & shovel, parcel books, 2 guns 2 saddles 2 bridles 7 Cups  
4 saucers 1 coffee pot 26 pewter plates 5 pewter dishes 4 earthen d<sup>r</sup>  
2 decanters 2 salt stands, 1 vinegar crewelet 3 wine glasses