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In the name of God amen I Benjamin Branch
of Chesterfield County and this parish being in my perfect senses
and knowing the certainty of Death do make thus my last will
in manner and form following (Viz)

Item I give to my beloved wife Mary Branch all the negroes I got by her
when I married her Likewise Six horses and mares one bay mare called
Primrose a sorrel mare called Primrose a bay horse called Gals a
white horse a sorrel Horse called Diamond and a bay mare called
Humming Bird. Likewise Twenty head of Cattle. Fifteen Sheep. Twenty
hogs Likewise the household furniture The ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~put~~ ^{put} off when I married
her. Likewise give her fifty barrels of Corn fifty bushels of wheat
and fifteen hundred weight of Pork all to be in lieu of her dowry

and at her own disposal

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Mem. I give to my son Benjamin Branch three negroes which he have
now in possession. I am Sugg and her child likewise to lay more
called Lady. Likewise give him a desk now at his house to him
and his heirs and assigns forever

Mem. I give to my son Edward Branch the Plantation and lands joining
Slave on likewise the half of Red Water Mill that I am now
pos^{sess}ed with likewise three Negroes called Darby Flora and Nancy
to him his heirs and assigns forever

Mem. I give to my daughter Anne Jones three negroes beason Liny
and Betty likewise a feather Bed and furniture to her and her
heirs and assigns forever

Item I give to my son Thomas Branch the plantation and
lands I have on Amelia County likewise three negroes
John Tuckey and child Lomon to him his heirs assigns forever

Item I give to my daughter Abideance Branch three negroes

Call, Dick and Patience likewise a house to be delivered
to her when my Executors hereafter named shall think
proper to her and her heirs and assigns forever

Item I give all the rest of my estate not heretofore mentioned
to my sons Edward and Thomas Branch to be equally
divided between them by my Executors after paying my
last debts and to constitute and appoint my three
friends and kinsmen Edward Bass Edward Branch
and Francis Goode my executors of this my last Will In

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Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 19th day of April 1782

Tested published and declared

In presence of

two of us

Wm Branch

Edward Branch

Thos. Augt. Taylor

Benja. Branch (seal)

Edm. C.