

In the name of God Amen I Bennett Browne of Gresham County Virginia, Men-
-chant, being in a declining state of health, but of sound and disposing mind
& memory, do make this my last will & Testament in manner following, hereby
revoking & making void all former wills by me made. First I recommend my
Soul to the mercy & Goodness of God thro. Jesus Christ our Lord, and my
Body to be buried in such decent & private manner as to my executors or
hereafter to be named shall seem fit. And as to my worldly Estate, I give
& bequeath the same as follows Vizt. I hereby give to my affectionate
wife Mary Browne the Plantation in King William County which I at
present occupy during the life ^{of her} Mother Mrs Sarah Campbell, and at the
death of the said Mrs Campbell I leave my dear wife the tract of land
whereon the said Mrs Campbell at present resides, and the House lately
built by me for use during the term of her natural life. I also leave

10 may also ^{acres} ~~be~~ together with the Mill & other improvements thereon, for & during
the Term of his Widow-hood; and it is also my Will & desire that my ^{and}
wife may have the liberty of cutting & sawing, and drawing such supplies
of oak timber as she may ^{find} necessary for plantation purposes, from Black
Sack Ridge. I give and bequeath to my son Charles the above two tracts of
land with the Mill & other improvements thereon, to him my ^{and} son Charles
& the Heirs of his Body, lawfully begotten forever. I give and be-
queath to my said son Charles one other tract of land known by the
Name of Black Sack Ridge, which I purchased from Isaac Williams &
containing by survey one hundred Acres, to him my ^{and} son Charles
& the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten forever. But ^{before} my son
Charles die before he comes of age, my will & desire is that the above
three tracts of land & Mill devised to him may be equally divided
between my sons David & Andrew Cochran. I give to my said son Charles
two negroes Phill & Lender, which were left to him by his Grand-mother
Mrs Priscilla Brewster of Maryland. I give to my Daughter
Sarah three negroes, Joe, Phill & Ned, which were left to her by her
Grand-mother aforesaid. I give and bequeath to my much beloved wife the
Carriage I may see proper to buy, & the Horses & Buggy therewith, to her
own proper use over and above the third part of my personal estate here-

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after last her I leave to my dear Wife during her life all my Household
furniture, Plate, China, Books, Bed and table linen, and it is my
desire that she may not be liable to my Children for any Bed
or table linen which may be worn out in her service; (Which
furniture, Plate &c at her death I desire may be equally divided
between my surviving Children. - I also leave to my dear wife the
full third part of all the personal estate I am possessed of, after my
debts are paid, for and during the term of her natural life; And
further is that she shall have her choice of my Slave servants, & to
take all, or any of them in. I appoint my dear wife, as in full of
what is hereby last to her, Which full third part of my personal
Estate, at her death I desire may be equally divided between
all my surviving Children. I give & bequeath to my three Daugh-
ters Sarah, Isabella Brook & Mary Will each one ninth share of
the remainder of my personal estate aforesaid. I give & bequeath
to my three sons Charles, David & Andrew Cockrane each twenty
of the remainder of my personal estate aforesaid. And whereas
Mrs Sarah Campbell is possessed of a number of Slaves in right of
Bower, one half of which Slaves at her death I give to my three
daughters

to have my succeeding children. I also wish to my dear wife the full third part of all the personal estate I am possessed of after my debts are paid, for and during the term of her natural life; And I wish further is that she shall have her choice of my Slave servants, & to take all, or any of them in. I wantt Browne part, or in full of what is hereby lent to her, Which full third part of my personal Estate, at her death I wish may be equally divided between all my surviving Children. I give & bequeath to my three Daughters, Sarah, Fidelity Brock & Mary Ann each one a sixth share of the remainder of my personal estate aforesaid. I give & bequeath to my three sons Charles, Basil & Johnson each one a sixth part of the remainder of my personal estate aforesaid - And with intent that Mrs Sarah Campbell is possessed of a number of slaves in right of her Bower, one half of which slaves at her death I wish to make her dispose of them in the manner following. Vizt I lend to my dear wife Mary Browne one third part thereof, for and during the term of her natural life, & at her death my Will & desire is that

that income may be equally divided between my sons Basil & Andrew
Cochrane and my daughters Sarah Priscilla Brooke & Mary Bell, or the sur-
-vivors of them. I give and bequeath the remaining two thirds of the above
Lower portions with their future increase as follows viz. To my three
Daughters Sarah Priscilla Brooke & Mary Bell each one sixth share
thereof & the remainder to be equally divided between my two sons
Basil & Andrew Cochrane or the survivors of them. And all in-
-comes or other property which may arise to my estate by virtue of my Mother's
or Brother James's Will, or otherwise, not herebefore disposed of, I give
may divide among my children in the same proportion as my personal & my
estate aforesaid, that is to say, to my three daughters Sarah, Priscilla &
Brooke & Mary Bell, each one sixth share & to my 2 sons Basil &
Andrew Cochrane two shares, or two thirds each, and my
Will & desire further is, & I hereby authorize my executors here-
-after named, and I do direct that they will upon receipt of
such sum or sums of money arising to my estate as above mentioned, cause
the same to be vested in some European funds, American Bonds, or
on private landed security, as to them may appear most safe and
advantageous for my children, and from time to time to receive
the sums due for interest thereon.

accumulations for my children, and from time to time to receive
the sums due for Interest thereon, & to place such accrued Inter-
est into such funds as they may think well, answer best my true
intent and meaning - and in case any of my children aforesaid should
die before they come of age, or marry, then my will & desire is, so
that the principal sum & Interest arising thereon due them, shall be
equally divided between my surviving children. - And should my
Executor find it necessary to dispose of any part of my estate for
the payment of my debts, I hereby empower them to make sale of
an undivided moiety of a tract of land known by the name of
Magnabola lying and being in the County of Queen Anne & State
of Maryland, containing by Patent six hundred and eight acres;
Also an undivided moiety of a tract of land contiguous thereto
called Ashby containing by Deed of Patent ninety five acres;
half acres; Also an undivided moiety of another tract of land
lying & being in the County of Caroline & State aforesaid
containing by Deed of Purchase Two hundred & eighty one acres; Also
which lands were conveyed to me by Virtue of a Deed of Gift
executed by my Brother James Brannan & Co.

equally divided between my surviving children. — And should my
Executor find it necessary to dispose of any part of my estate for
the payment of my debts, I hereby empower them to make sale of
an undivided moiety of a tract of land known by the name of
Stagholme lying and being in the County of Queen Anne's State
of Maryland, containing by Patent one hundred and eight acres;
Also an undivided moiety of a tract of land contiguous thereto
called Ashby containing by Escheat Patent ninety five and
half acres; Also an undivided moiety of one other tract of land
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containing by Survey Two hundred & eighty one acres; Also
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executed by my Brother James Brannard. Brannard Brannard's
in favor of my Brother Basil Brannard & myself; which Deed were
willed to him by my father Charles Brannard Gentleman of Maryland
But should there be no occasion for selling these lands for the above

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in certain legacies, then I do that case I give & bequeath my chattels (except
forwards to be equally divided between my two sons Basil & Charles
Cochrane, and the interest of their bodies lawfully begotten for ever, reserving
notwithstanding full and ample power to my Execut hereafter named
to make sale of all or any of the premises above, & to place the money
arising therefrom in such funds at Interest as in their opinions will
be safest & most for the advantage of my sons Basil & Charles
Cochrane, or the survivors of them; Also in these laws lay 4s very remote
from my other property. I can not help recommending this measure also
whereas Mrs Priscilla Brook wife of Mary Brook, my Mother in Law
Will leave my son Charles & my daughter Sarah legacies of one third
= said legacies reserving money each, My will & desire further is
that of these legacies are paid to my sons Charles & Sarah, I
hereby give & bequeath my son Charles proportion of personal estate
= forwards, to be equally divided between my two sons Basil & Charles
Cochrane; And I hereby give my daughter Sarah's proportion of my 4s
lower negroes forwards to be equally divided between my two daugh-
= ters Priscilla Brook & Mary Hall, or the survivors of my sons and daughters

Two Trisella Brook & Cherry Hill, or the survivors of my wife and daughter
deceased. I hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my affectionate Brothers
Robert Browne & Basil Browne executors & my much esteemed friends John
Bunley, James Cunliffe & James Gosan Esqrs Executors. My much re-
spected wife Mary Browne Decentring to this my last will & Testament
as written with my own hand. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & affixed my seal this first day of August one thousand seven
hundred and eighty eight —

Bennett Browne

A Codicil to the last will & Testament of Bennett Browne

Whereas by my will made the first of August one thousand seven hun-
dred and eighty eight I have left to my affectionate wife the plantation
I formerly occupied in King William; in lieu of which I hereby con-
fess for and during the term of her natural life the plantation
whereon I now reside together with all the houses & improvements
thereon. I give and bequeath to my son Charles Browne and his heirs
forever the ^{two} tracts of land I lately purchased from Susan Brooker
bro and Samuel Brooks, the former containing 98 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, and the
latter 100 acres as well as all the improvements thereon.

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Bennett Browne ^{Seal}

A Codicil to the last Will & Testament of Bennett Browne

Whereas by my Will dated the first of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight I have left to my affectionate wife the plantation I formerly occupied in Abing William, in lieu of which I hereby lend her for and during the term of her natural life the Plantation wherein I now reside, together with all the House & improvements thereon. I give and bequeath to my son Charles Browne and his heirs forever the ^{two} tracts of land I lately purchased from Sumner Brodhead and Samuel Brooks, the former containing 96 3/4 acres, and the latter 100 acres as ^{the same} are duly recorded in your Court; and my will is that my wife shall have the privilege of drawing such supplies of Rail Timber & fire wood as she may find necessary for domestic purposes from the two tracts of land above mentioned during my

(174) will & desire further is that of my son ^{deceased} Charles Brown, before he came of
age there was in that will. I give the above two ~~two~~ tracts (Dunnell Browning
of land to be equally ^{undivided} between my son Daniel and Andrew backus Brown
and their heirs forever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this third day of April one thousand seven hundred
and eighty nine.

Dunnell Browning. 

Seals, signs and acknowledg'd
to be a bequest to his last
Will and testament before us
who have subscribed our names
as witnesses thereto at his request

John Montague

John Gible

John Brown

At a court held for Gen County at Tappahannock on the 21st day of
December 1789 This testament and last Will of Dunnell Brown deceased
with a bequest thereto annexed being presented in court by James
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oaths of John Montague and John Gible subscribing witnesses thereto
and also by the oath of the said executor, the same is ordered to be
proved. And a certificate is granted to the said James Gowan in
evidence to his obtaining a probate of the said Testament in due
form.

Test Hancock Lee Clerk

* In the name of God amen 1789