

WILL OF THOMAS BRANSON

Will of Thomas
Branson

of Springfield in the County of Burlington and Western Division of the
Province of New Jersey being sick & weak of Body but of perfect Disposi-
ing Mind and memory calling to mind the Mortality of my Body do
~~make and Ordain that my last Will & Testament in writing be in the~~
following Viz^d Principally & first of all to the Lord my Soul I do recom-
mend and to the Earth my Body I do Commit to be buried in Decent & my
Interd at the Discretion of my ex^{rs} hereinafter named, or in case
of their Absence of Execution my Wife and as touching my Ward
Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to Bless me, I do give & bequeath
and Bequeath thereof as followeth. I do give & bequeath I will that all my
all my Just Debts owing to any Person or Persons be well & truly
Contented & paid out of my Estate and also the Charges of my Burial
by my Executors hereinafter named. Item to the said my Wife
I do give and bequeath the Sum of Five Pounds Per Annum
Money yearly & every Year she shall Continue my Widow to be paid
her by my Executors after Named Item to my son David Branson
Son of Thomas Branson Jonathan Branson Lemuel Branson William
Branson Day Branson and my Daughter Sarah Owen I do give
& Bequeath the Sum of one Shilling Per Annum Money each to be
paid to them by Ex^{rs} after Named Item To the Children of Le-
oniah Robins and Mary his Wife which are now living being my
Grand Children I do give & bequeath the Sum of Twenty Shillings

Interms at the Discretion of my ^{own} heirs after I am dead, or in case
of their Absence of either of my Wife, and as touching my said 1st or 2nd
Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to Bless me, I do give, Devise
and Bequeath the rest as followeth. In presence I will that as soon
all my Just Debts owing to any Person or Persons be well & truly
Contented & paid out of my Estate, and also the Charges of my Will
by my Executors hereafter Named. Item, I bequeath that
I do give and bequeath the Sum of Five Pounds Proclamation
Money Yearly & every Year when shall come my Widow to be paid
her by my Executors after Named ^{Item} to my said Grandchildren
Joseph Bramson Jonathan Bramson Sarah Bramson William
Bramson Day Bramson and my Daughter Sarah Owen I do give
& Bequeath the Sum of one Shilling Proclamation Money Each to be
paid to them by ^{my} Executors after Named Item To the Children of Zach-
ariah Robins and Mary his Wife which are now living being my
Grand Children I do give & bequeath the Sum of Twenty Shilling
Proclamation Money Each to be paid to them by my Executors when they
severally Arrive to the Age one & Twenty Years. Item To the Children
of William Rogers and Sarah his Wife which are now living be-
ing my Grand Children I do give and bequeath the Sum of Twenty
Shilling

and I do hereby bequeath the sum of Two Pounds The aforesaid legacy
to be paid to them my said Grandchildren by my executors
after my death at the age of one & Twenty Years, and in case
any of the Children of the aforesaid Elizabeth Robins and Mary
his Wife now living should happen to Die before the time herein
limited for the Receipt of their Legacy herein given then I will
that the Portion of such Daughters be equally Divided between the
Survivors, The like to be done with Respect to my other Grandchildren
The Children of William Rogers & Elizabeth his Wife under the same
Considerations. Item To my two Sons Thomas B. and
and John B. and to whom I do hereby Nominate constitute
and appoint my whole sole & joint Executors of this my last Will
& Testament I do give Devise & Bequeath all the Rest & Residue
of my Estate not herein Willed & Bequeathed whatsoever and
whenever Personal & Real to them my said Two Sons their Heirs
and Assigns forever to be between them equally & divided as
near as may be ^{by Quantity} Equality And I do hereby Revoke Dissolve
Disavow and make void all and every other and former
Wills Testaments Legacies Bequests & Estates by me in any
wise before this Time Made Willed or Bequeathed Ratifying
& Confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament

wife before this John Kameo Willard or Baquath DeBakfing
& Confirming this and no other to be my last will & testament
In Writings whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
The Eleventh Day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand
Seven hundred & forty four 1744. I Hereto my Grandson Tho:
Branden Son of John Branden Deoginab Baquath that then
of land of mine lying on the maine River in Virginia
I did out for Thomas Willard and others called John Robt
Computed at Two hundred Acres be it more or less to him and
said Grandson his heirs & assigns forever this Deed was
entered before signing & sealing. Thomas ^{my} Branden
with an ^{equal} signed & sealed hand. Publight Deed
ad by the said Testator as his last will & Testament in the
presence of the subscribers James J. Antram James Kaulutich
John Ozer and
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A true Copy from the Original kept in the
High Court in Burlington Compared & Examined
Geo. Murray Surrogate
Let it be Morris Esq. Captain General and Governor in
Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of New Jersey and Ter

Branson son of John Branson Esquire & Bequest that the
of said son is dying and that the said Branson in Virginia
stated out for Thomas Alexander and on called votes for
computed at Two hundred Acres but it more only to him
said Branson but he is assigned for over this Branson
entered before signing & showing. Thomas Alexander
with the said Branson signed & sealed & published & made
ed by the said Branson as his last Will & Testament in the
of the subscribers James J. Ostram James MacLulich
John Ostram.

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ritories thereon Depending in America, and Vice Admiral in
the same &c.