

NOVEMBER COURT 1788.)

At a Court held for Calcasieu County the — day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1788  
The Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of — Abbott  
deed was returned into Court and Ordered to be Recorded

Executed

Teste George Cunningham C.R.C.

Duly Recorded

Teste William Thompson C.R.C.

*" D. J. "*

Brandon & No. 116, of God AMEN I Francis Brandon of Entw.  
Frances wife

Parish and County of Calcasieu being weak of body but of mind  
and memory I praise God for the same as make consti-  
and again this and now October the <sup>10<sup>th</sup> last will and  
tament in form and manner following. By my will and  
is that all my just debts be paid by my Esq<sup>r</sup> Amache  
namer — Item I leave to my beloved Wife Eliza Brandon  
during her widowhood or until my youngest son  
comes to lawful age for her use and the support and  
Educating my children the lands and plantations I now  
live on, containing One hundred and Thirty Acres,  
being the upper end of my land on the river adjoining the  
Brandon, also my Negro Woman Lucy Brazil grace Rose  
Randall together with my stock of every kind household  
furniture — Item I give one bequest to my son Fran-  
cis Brandon One hundred and ten acres of land adjoin-  
Nathaniel Cunningham and James Dots line to bring part  
of my back land also one Negro Boy named Samson,  
further Bequeath one Cow to him my son Francis  
him and a piggin poun — Item I give and bequeath to  
my Daughter Elizabeth Taylor One Negro girl named Wm.  
my son father Bed and two hogs of her best meat to  
to her my said Daughter her heir and a piggin poun —</sup>

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Other part of that sum that is bequeath to my son Francis Brandon  
also Fifty Pounds Cash which Money he is to tell of Nathaniel Cun-  
ningham due me on a bond also a feather Bed and furniture  
the horse and Cow to her my said Son his heir and a piggin poun  
Item I give to my son William Brandon One hundred and thirty  
acres of land it being — the lower end of my land on the  
River and adjoining David Brandon to her my said son his  
him and a piggin poun — Item I give to my son David Brandon  
One hundred and Thirty acres of land first lying left on the  
River to him — his heirs forever — My will is that in  
case either of my two youngest Sons should die before they come  
of age for the surviving brother of said two as above mentioned  
viz William and David Brandon to inherit the land beque-  
athed them the said Brother — Item my will and desire is that  
at the coming to law full age of my youngest son that the  
aforesaid Negro Lucy Brazil grace Rose Randall with future  
James of the female slaves together with all the rest residue and  
remainder of my personal Estate be of what ever nature known  
or doubtful as best advantage to be equally divided amongst  
one between my beloved Wife and Children Viz William  
David Piggy, Mary Nancy, Jean & Lucy Brandon I also give  
to my Daughter Lucy Brandon Ten Pounds Cash Extraordinary  
to pay from my estate as above mentioned — Item  
my will is that such of my sons and daughters that are now married  
and gone from me may not have any more of the Stock Bed  
furniture &c as they have it, as written to them above and  
take away already Item my will is that my River tract  
of land Willed to my Sons William and David Brandon  
may be divided to the greatest advantage to the two Brothers  
Viz Beginning on the River and running a straight line  
out to the back or head line according to each Son and  
equally bequeath them — One castle for a seat

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my last Will and Testament hoping they will see the same  
fully performed as my trust is in them to provide me with  
furnishing this and no other but this to be my last Will  
and Testament, In witness whereof I have caused to set  
my hand and seal the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 1788  
Seal Sealed and acknowledged  
and affixed to be in fact } Francis B Brandon  
Will and Testament mark  
In witness of  
Thomas Wiley, William Brandon  
Thomas Brandon

At a Court held in Halifax County the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1789.  
The last Will and Testament of Francis Brandon deceased was exhibited  
into Court and proved by the Oaths of Two of the Testifiers thereto Subscribed  
to be the actual Will of the said Francis deceased and was granted to be valid  
and on the Motion of Oliver Brandon and John Dawson the Executors  
one of the executors named and who made Oath according to the  
Certificate for Obtaining a Probate thereof was granted them true  
giving Security upon which they together with Theo<sup>r</sup> Carter, Dan  
Taylor and John Drown their substitutes entered into and acknowledged  
wherof this bond for that purpose according to Law, and will  
affidavit hereto annexed subservient to take upon himself the  
Burthen of the exec<sup>r</sup> of the same.

Recd. John George Conington Esq  
Recorded Esq  
Jesse William Thompson Esq MCH

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1789.

On the motion of the Estate of Abraham Williams deceased (as far as  
relates to the slaves servants belonging and now in hand) the following  
division between Thomas Taylor William Williams and Nancy Williams  
only son and Daughter of the said deceased was by consent of all  
and by their Garrison law and manner the way agreed  
being in presence of the said Thomas Taylor and his wife No

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follows—		
Chater of the value of	\$ 100.0	To Miss Nancy William the following Slaves of the said late owner to each of them named as follows
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	110.	Billy of the value of \$ 100.
Matthew	67.	Isaac 67.
James	80.	Little Sister 80.
Opheo	40.	Judah 80.
Franko	70.	Hue 80.
June	10.	Wimpy 70.
Joseph	100.	Bitty 50.
Bitty	40.	Little Sarah 30.
Samuel	30.	Old Sarah 30.
George	20.	Andrew 25.
		George 20.
		<u>L 700</u>
		<u>L 682</u>

There is also a Negro Wench now 5<sup>th</sup> child is unnameable to this that can be away  
which of the Wench lives and the other always is in service they are to be equally  
divided between the brother and sister aforesaid, as well as all other movable  
Property belonging to the said Abraham Estate

William Sydenham  
Thomas J. Williams  
Nancy Williams  
Jesse William Thompson

At a Court held in Halifax County the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1789.—  
The within division of the Estate of Abraham Williams deceased was determined and last  
was ordered to be executed. And Thomas George Williams his attorney of the said  
Abraham deceased, personally appeared in Court and distinguished his claim at  
Bar at Law, and agreed to abide by the aforesaid division and the same would  
now be certified to.

Recd. John George Conington Esq  
Recorded Jesse William Thompson Esq MCH