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In the name of God Amen

James Brandon

will

I James Brandon of
Hartford County and the Parish of Antioch being indisposed in body but of
perfect mind and memory. I praise Almighty God for he same, do make
last will and testament, this and no other, but this to be my last will
and testament in form and manner following VIZ

Item my will and desire is that all my debts be paid by my Executors
hereafter nominated. Item I leave to my well beloved wife Sarah
Brandon, until my children do come to lawful age or marry, for
her use, and she bring up and educating my said children the land
and plantation whereon I now do live with the use benefit and pleasure of
the following slaves Charles Abada today and Frank also the negro girl
which was lent by my father to my mother Elizabeth Brandon during her life
and all the rest residue and remainder of my estate be it of what ever name
kind or quality come. - Item my will and desire is that whereas
my wife is ^{now} in a state of pregnancy, should she be delivered of a living
and surviving child, that it should share and equal part of my estate
both Real and personal with my daughter Nancy Brandon and that
at the coming of lawful age of my said children or marrying, that the
apportioned shares with their future increase should be equally with the
rest of my estate divided between my three wife and children until the
death of my said wife or marrying again, and lastly I do appoint
my brother John Davis and Thomas Bradboks Executors of this my
last will and testament hoping they will see the same, duly performed
as my trust is in them to do and concerning this and no other but
this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this second day of April 1791
Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

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At a Court held for Hartford County the 20th day of April 1791
This last will and testament of James Brandon, and was exhibited into Court
and Read by the oath of two witnesses there subscribed to be the act and will
of the said James and was ordered to be Recorded. And on the petition of
John Brandon and David Brandon, two of the Executors therein named
who make oath and together with William Lett and James Brandon
their security entered into and acknowledged Bond for that purpose. Certificate
is granted them for obtaining Probate of the said will in due form. Reserving
liberty to Thomas Brandon the Clerk for therein named to join in the petition
when he shall think fit.

Teste. Geo. Harrington C.

Esq.

Jury Records

Tis. H. Thompson DC