

one shuckled cow yearling £2.10. one pida keeper 15/-

one grey horse £5

a parcell of wool 5/- a lops cut saw a few other 502 a sharp 2/0

two sides of leather 15/- two legs of one counterpane 12/-

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In obedience to an order of the worshipping Court of Wiltshire County Court directed on
being first sworn have appraised in Current Money all the Estate of Nicholas Spence
deceased to us shown upon record our hands this 16th day of September 1790

John Dourby
William Wilkinson
Thomas Hamblin

This Inventory and appraisement being returned into Wiltshire County Court the 11th
day of April 1791 and ordered to be recorded

Teste John Beeson J. C.

Benjamin Franklin In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Franklin of Wiltshire County being
sick and weak in body at this time but in perfect mind and memory thanks be
given unto god for the same Calling unto mind the mortality of my body and
knowing that it is once appointed for all men to die do make and Ordain this
my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I

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Recommending my soul In the hands of the almighty God that
gives it me and hope for salvation both in a present Christian
vicar at the discretion of my Father hereafter named nothing
doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same
again by the almighty power of God and as touching such worldly
estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life with
I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and
form — I Give to my Loving wife Sarah Frankling during
her natural life all the acres I hold on the south side of the old
White Lick branch from the Creek line to the Creek also five Negroes
by names Will, Tomson, Frank, Lucy and Old Jenny and my young
Barnard — all and four cows and Calves China ones and twenty
four China boys and fifteen head of stock and two beds and
Furniture and one chest and one trunk and half the Crop of
Corn upon the plantation and all my Cotts and powder and Tallow
and one third of the plantation utensils and Carpenters tools
Now I give and devise unto my wife Sarah and her Heirs forever

and one third of the plantation utensils and implements tools

Then I give and devise unto my wife and son Oliver Frankling these

all the land I hold between my back line the old white lick branch
and down to the other main spring and then up that latter neck

Small branch called the middle branch thence up up the spine to the

land another a new line in the back line at the beginning also

four negroes by names Tyler, Willey, Nancy, and Bob, when he comes of
age to him and his heirs forever also the aforementioned tract of

land I lent my wife during her natural life and two negroes by name

Will and Old Jimmy after the death of wife to him and his heirs forever.

Then I give and devise unto my Daughter Polly Frankling three negroes
by names John, Selby, Sulby, when she comes of age to her and her heirs
forever and one more negro woman I lent my wife during her

Natural life by the name of Frank after the death of my wife to
her and her heirs forever

Then I give and devise to my son Lewis Frankling all the rest of my

land that lies joining the new lot of line afore mentioned and the
middle branch

land returned a new line out to the back line at the beginning also
four negroes by names Tyler, Willey, Harry, and Bob, when he comes of
age to him and his heirs forever also the aforementioned tract of
land I lent my wife during her natural life and two Negroes by name
Will and Old Jimmy after the death of wife to him and his heirs forever
Then I give and devise unto my Daughter Dotley Frankling three Negroes
by names John, Billy, and Lucy, when she comes of age to her and her heirs
forever and one more negro woman I lent my wife during her
natural life by the name of Frank after the death of my wife to
her and her heirs forever
Then I give and devise to my son Lewis Frankling all the rest of my
land that lies joining the new bit of land above mentioned and the
middle branch down to the North prong of the like branch and
thence down the same to the other main prong Called the White
like branch and thence down to Grapewy Creek and thence
Round as my line runs to the beginning and three Negroes by

James Buck Sarah and Lewis when he comes of age to him and his heirs forever as also the use of my life during her natural life by the name of Johnson after the death of wife to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my Daughter Mary Frankling those negroes belonging to Dick Green and those when she comes of age to her and her heirs forever also one Negro Woman about 16 1/2 years during her natural life by the name of Lucy after the death of wife to her and her heirs forever with her increase.

Item It is my Will and desire that my old cousin Thomas Frankling and his wife Mary Frankling shall have their life term in what is a third part of said the same land as a mine not to be allowed any privilege or the same except that runs between my field from a structure he has during their natural lives.

Item It is my Will and desire that if either of the Negroes should happen to die before the other said John comes of age, which the said Negroes were bound to in that matter like it shall be my Will and desire for my said debts to be paid and the other said Negroes and will be bound and the balance of my Estate to go to make up the value of any Negro that I have taken from me and that it was better to at the same price it is taken from me.

By the same of my Estate to go to make up the value of any negro that I have to do
with and I will that it be sold at the same price it was sold for
appraised no other negroes are to be sold in that way but the said negro
that was sold to these children when they come of age one of those negroes
called by the name of Bob and not to be made good shall

Here It is my Will and desire that all the whole of the children and negroes should
be kept together on my plantation with all the rest of my Estate of all kinds
and the money arising from the crops that we do sow and store what they live on
shall be equally divided among my wife the aforementioned children agreeable to
the quantity of hands the father works and if it should happen that my wife should
not be willing to continue the hands in that way any longer my Will and desire

should be that the residue of my Estate that was not lost to my wife during her
natural life should be received when the rest of my land that was not lost to my
wife during her natural life another work and there kept together

Here It is my Will and desire that after the afore mentioned legacies are paid
as afore said that if there anything left worth while dividing that I desire
my Executors to choose three good men to take the same and let it off in four parts
and draw lots for each child as an Equal division

so kept together on my plantation with all the rest of my Estate of all kinds
and the money arising from the Crops that were sown are above what they live on
shall be Equally divided among my Wife the aforementioned Children agreeable to
the quantity of hands the papers works and if it should happen that my Wife should
not be willing to continue the hands in that way any longer my Will and desire

should be that the residue of my Estate that was not lent to my Wife during her
Natural life should be received when the rest of my Estate that was not lent to my
Wife during her Natural life and then kept together

Now It is my Will and desire that after the afore mentioned Legacies are paid
as afore said that if there anything left worth while dividing that I desire
my Executors to Choose three good men to value the same and let it off in four parts
and draw lots for each Child as an Equal division

These are last and last of all I do constitute and appoint my beloved friends Thomas
Cobbett and Henry Whitely and my Executors of my Estate this my last Will and Testament
Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of November 1770

Signed sealed
in the presence of

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Given by Frankling 23
mark

Teste

Daniel Culbreath

John Womum

Lazarus Traynum

John Tramm

At a Court held for Haddam County the 11th day of April 1791

This Will was proved by the oaths of Daniel Culbreath and John Womum witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Thomas Lee Heath and Henry Nester the Executors therein named who made Oath thereto and together with John Womum, Jost Cooper, and William Maynard their Jurors entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of five thousand pounds Conditional as the Law directs Certificate was granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form

Teste John Brown Clerk

1788

The Estate of Thomas Braine deceased in account with Elizabeth Braine, administratrix

1789

To cash paid John Wilkes & Co. account.

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To settle p^d John Wilkes & Co.

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To settle p^d Jost Tramm

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April 1791

To settle p^d John Brown

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