

Griffin
Bury
Wife.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Benjamin Griffin of the County of Southampton being per-
fect health and sound of mind and memory do make this my last will and testament as follows
First I give and devise to my Son James Griffin the following tract of land part of the land
now known, supposed to contain fifty acres be the same more or less, lying over the Dam branch
joining Hardy Doyle line, John Parrotaphney, to the Main Road by the Road to the Cabin
Swamp, up the Cabin Swamp to the said Dam branch and up the branch to the said Doyle
line to him and his Heirs and assigns forever.

Also I give and devise to my Son Wiley Griffin fifty Acres of land that I purchased of William
Doyle, to him, His Heirs and assigns forever.

Also I give and devise to my loving wife Olive the remaining part of my lands that I now live on
supposed by me to contain one hundred Acres for the term only of her widowhood, at the ex-
piration of which Term I give and devise the said lands to be equally divided between my
two Sons Jack and Benjamin disregard in the division to be paid to the quality and
quantity To hold to my said Sons and to their Heirs and assigns forever.

Also all the rest and remainder of my estate of what nature or kind soever I leave the use of to
my said wife Olive for the term of her widowhood for the purpose of her Support and the
Maintenance of my Children whilst under age. At the Marriage or death of my said wife
I direct that all the said principal and remainder of my estate be sold and that the Money
arising by the Sale of such estate be equally divided between all the Children that may
survive me and their representatives. I do hereby constitute and name Benjamin Griffin
Executor. Which will be shewing all others by an hereof made. In Witness
Hand

joining Hardy Doyle line, John Westphalney, to the Main road by the said
Camp, up the Cabin Swamp to the said ^{Southampton County, Virginia Wills 1772-1782} ~~branch~~ and up the branch to the said Doyle
line to him and his heirs and assigns for ever.

Also I give and devise to my son Wiley Griffin, fifty Acres of land that I purchased of Williams
Doyle, to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

Also I give and devise to my loving wife Olive the remaining part of my lands that I now live on
situated by me to contain one hundred Acres for the term only of her widowhood, at the ex-
piration of which Term I give and devise the said lands to be equally divided between my
two sons Jack and Benjamin de regard in the division to be paid to the quality and
quantity to hold to my said sons and to their heirs and assigns for ever.

Also all the rest and remainder of my estate of what nature or kind so ever I leave the use of the
my said wife Olive for the term of her widowhood for the purpose of her support and the
maintenance of my children who are under age. At the Marriage or death of my said wife
I desire that all the said residue and remainder of my estate to hold and that the money
arising by the sale of such estate be equally divided between all the children that may

survive and their respective issue. I do hereby constitute and name Wiley Griffin
Executor of this my Will hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made. In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of March 1781
Signed sealed published and declared by the said Wiley Griffin as and for his last will
Testament in presence of us

Witness John W. Small, Matthew L. Grimes.

Wiley Griffin

Will was held for the County of Southampton the 8th day of Mar 1781
 This will was presented in Court by the Executor thereof the said
 named and proved by the oaths of O'Kells and Hartwellbrocker two of the just
 peace there and others to be Recorded And on the motion of the said Executor
 whom a writ according to law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate
 in due form giving Security whereupon for

Samuel Co.

Branch
 Branch
 will

In the Name of God Amen, I Howell Branch of the County of
 Southampton being Very sick and Weak in body but of Perfect Mind and memory
 thank be given to God do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in
 Manner and form following Viz
 I give and bequeath the use of my land & Plantation whereon I now dwell containing
 One hundred and Eighty Acres unto my Loving wife Elizabeth Branch during
 my said wifes widowhood or Natural life but at her Marriage or death I give
 such land to be equally divided between two of my Sons namely Henry and Peter
 Branch to be Equally divided by their Neighbouring Men
 Item, I give and bequeath unto my Son Jesse Branch my Negro Man named Jacob
 who is now about 14 years of age