

367 In the name of God amen I George Branch of the county of Kent
being weak in body but of sound mind & disposing mind) and many
times thank be to God I do make this ^{meeting of this day} my last will & testament in
manner & form following revoking all other wills by me heretofore
made

first I give & bequeath unto my son Bailey Branch the land & plantation
whereon he now lives bounded as followeth beginning at a pine an
about tree in Gregorys lane at the head of a branch & down the corner
of the s^d branch to the lightwood swamp down the swamp to Gregorys
lane containing 150 acres to the same more or less To hold to the
s^d Bailey Branch & to his heirs & assigns forever

Also I give & bequeath unto my son Court Branch the land & plantation
formerly the property of John Holden & purchased by me under a
decree of the court of Southampton containing 180 to hold to him
& to his heirs & assigns forever

Also I give & bequeath unto my son Henry Branch the land & plantation
lately purchased by me of Samuel Holden lying on the North

to his heirs & assigns forever

Also I give & bequeath unto my son Henry Branch the land & plantation lately purchased by me of Samuel Holden lying on the North side of Round Hill swamp estimated at 975 be the same more or less To hold to him & to his heirs & assigns forever I also give him a negro man called Cesar

Also I give unto my son Benj. Branch after the death of my wife Martha the land & plantation whereon I now live To hold to my son Benj. & to his heirs & assigns forever

Also I give unto my daughter Lucy my little Roan mare when the bolt is shorned that I make her

Also I give unto my granddaughter Mary daughter of my son Edmund after the death of my wife Martha a negroe girl called Violet

Also I give unto my daughter Martha my negroe called Rachel I also give & devise unto my wife the land & plantation whereon I now live & the use of my negroe Violet for & during the term of her natural life

Also I give unto my son Henry Branch a negroe man called Pompey

a negro man called Caesar

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Also I give unto my daughter Martha my negro called Rachel & also I give & devise unto my wife the lands & plantation whereon I now live & the use of my negro Violet for & during the term of her natural life

Also I give unto my son Benj: Branch a negro man called Pompey

to him & his heirs forever

and all the rest residue & remainder of my estate of what nature or kind soever I give & bequeath to be equally divided between my

wife Martha & all my children as well married & unmarried

348 my intentions in the above clause are that neither of my children
as have been advanced by me in my life shall part and for the value
of any estate by me given at the time they received the same before
they be admitted to any share of the residue except the value of the
lands given in the will & the negro given to my son Worsum
which is intended as an equivalent instead of Lands which
Lands & the Negro Company are not to be brought in by the
possession of them, I do hereby appoint my son Barclay &
Worsum my executors of this my will & testament In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 15 day of Sept 1770

Signed Sealed published
declared by the George
Branch as an for his last
will the presence of us By
his directions

George Branch

At a Court held for the county
of Southampton the 8 day of
November 1770

R Kello
Wm Jones Phillips

This will was presented in court by the
Thore in named & proved by the oath of Rich
Kello one of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded

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William my executors of this my will & testament In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 14th day of Sept 1770
Signed Sealed published

George Branch ^{real}

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At a Court held for the county
of Southampton the 8th day of
November 1770

R. Kelly
W. Jones
W. Phillips

This will was presented in court by the ^{sons}
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Kelly one of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded

And as the ~~condition~~ of the ^{sons} who made oath according to law
certificate was granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due
form giving security whereupon &c.

R. Kelly
W. Jones

In the name of God amen I Arthur Booth of Southampton County