

Branch
Will

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In the Name of God Amen I Herrell Branch of the County of
Southampton being Very sick and Weak in body but of Perfect Mind and memory
thanks be given to God do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in
Manner and form following Viz

I Inforce, Stand the use of my Land & Plantation wherein I now dwell containing
One hundred and eighty Acres unto my Loving wife Elizabeth Branch during
my said wife's widowhood or Natural life but at her Marriage or death I give
such land to be equally divided betwixt two of my Sons namely Drury and Peter
Branch to be Equally divided by those Neighbouring them

Item, I give and bequeath unto my Son Jesse Branch my Negro Man named Jasot
but by my will and desire that my said Slave Jacob shall labour for my four Children
namely Drury, Martha, Peter and Jesse Branch and the said Slave Jacob to labour
on the Plantation wherein I now dwell until my son Jesse arrives to the age of
Sixteen years from thence the said Slave Jacob to remain with my son Jesse
and his heirs for ever

Item, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Branch the sum of Twenty
pounds in Actual Gold or silver to be raised and paid out of my Estate at the
direction of my Executors & in further my will and desire that my Son Drury
shall have his choice of the two Parts of my Land at last take which hath of my

Caplan years from thence the said estate to remain with my son
and his heirs for ever

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Item, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Branch the sum of thirty
pounds in actual gold or silver to be raised and levied out of my Estate at the
direction of my Executors it is further my will and desire that my son Quincy
shall have his choice of the two Parts of my land at least take which hath of my
land as may be his my said son Quincy's choice after divided by three (three)
fourth parts as aforesaid. Then I give and bequeath such land as aforesaid
unto my son Quincy as before divided to them their heirs for ever.

Item The Remainder of my Estate let it be of what Nature or kind soever I give to
be equally divided amongst my wife and four Children such Remainder of my Estate
to be sold and equally divided as aforesaid when my son Quincy arrives to sixteen Years
of age it is further my Will that my Wife and Children shall Purchase such Estate
as is herein before devised as Remainder and that no other Person or Persons shall have
any right to purchase but my Wife and Children at the time I have devised for such
of my Estate to be sold which it is my Will that such remaining Estate
after my just debts and Legacies are paid such Estate of any shall then remain
to be sold to the highest Bidder amongst my Wife and Children only of them be
devised as aforesaid and I do also constitute and appoint Bentley Branch and
John Wallons Joint my whole and sole Executors to this last Will and Testament
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 12 day of October 1781
Signed Seal Published pronounced & declared
in presence of Bentley Branch Henry Branch John Branch
and

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A Court held for the County of Southampton the 8th day of November 1781
This will was presented in Court by John Wellons the Executor therein named and proved
by the oaths of Benjamin Branch Henry Branch and James Sumnerell the Wit-
nesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded And on the motion of said Executor who
made oath according to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate in
due form giving Security is hereupon &c

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Johnson
Joseph
Will

In the Name of God Amen, I Joseph Johnson of the County of
Southampton being of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this as and for my
last Will and Testament, and do dispose of my Estate as follows
First I give and bequeath unto my Son Henry Johnson after the Death of my Wife
Charity Johnson the Plantation whereon I now live, to him and his heirs forever
Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my Son Ben^g Johnson my Brandy Still
Lastly, I leave unto my loving Wife Charity Johnson the ware, the Plantation
whereon I now live, with the whole of my household and Kitchen Furniture, my
Stock of Horses, cattle, & hogs, and & Plantation Utensils
My will and intent is that my Executors do, after the death of my Wife, sell and Equal