

Appointed. Item I constitute and appoint my son Withers Sonway my whole and
Executor of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have here
set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of February 1756.

Sign'd Seals and acknowledges
in the presence of

Sarah S^{on} Sonway 

Eliz^a Buckner Marg^t Buntury Rob^t Lockburn Susannah Fox

A Court held for Stafford County 15th of April 1756.

The Last Will and Testament of Sarah Sonway dec'd was presented into Court
Withers Sonway Exec^r therein named who made oath thereunto according to Law and the
same being further proved by the oaths of Eliz^a Buckner Rob^t Lockburn & Susannah
Fox the three of the witnesses therein subscribed is admitted to Record and on motion of
said Exec^r and he performing what is usual in such Cases Certificate is granted him for
obtaining a probate thereof in due Form.

Test
Henry Dyer Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I Charles Brent of
in the parish of Overwharton in the County of Stafford being mindful of the frailty
uncertainty of Human nature & that it is appointed for all men once to die but
considering the uncertainty of the times thereof being of sound mind memory & being
do therefore make this my last will & Testament in manner & form following that is
to say First and principally I commit my soul to almighty God my body to the Earth
there to be decently buried according to the discretion of my Executors under name
All my Debts lawfully contracted I desire may first be honestly & justly paid & then
what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bestow on me I dispose of as follows—
Imprimis I give & bequeath to my loving son Charles Brent two Negroes named Noddy
Beck & their future increase and one equal part of all my household goods & stock to
him & his heirs for ever. Item I give & bequeath to my loving son Hugh Brent two
Negroes named Harry & Will & one equal part of all my household goods & stock to him and

his heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Son William & George Brent six Negroes named Sam. Ben. Jennie, Dinah, Lucy & Isaac and their future Increase to be equally divided between them when they come to age with one equal part of all my household Goods and Stock to each of them and their heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Katherine when three Negroes named, Nell, Sarah & Hannah and their future Increase and one equal part of all my household Goods and Stock including what she hath already received to her part of the same to her, her heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Mary Brent two Negroes named Lucy and Minny & their future increase and one equal part of all my household Goods & Stock to her and her heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Ann Brent two Negroes named James & Phillis & their future Increase & one equal part of all my household Goods and Stock to her & her heirs for ever. Item I leave to my dear and loving wife Hannah Brent six Negroes named Tom, Forrester, Dick, Betty, Sarah & Sarah. And her life or widowhood & then to be divided between my four children Hugh Brent, William George Brent & Ann Brent except any of Charles Brent's or Mary Quaker's Negroes should die before my wife's death or the division then what Negroes are wanting to them if it shall so happen shall be made up to them out of those I left my wife & the remainder only shall be divided between the above mentioned persons. I also give unto my said loving wife an equal part of my household Goods & Stock. Item I desire that all my debts or claims I have given to any of my children before this day may be regarded as part of their Estates and not appraised as part of mine. Also that the life of Lea and Selma now growing may not be appraised and that my wife & family may have the benefit of it. It is my will and desire that all my children shall be paid off their fortunes when they arrive to the age of twenty one or at their marriage if it is previous to the said age. And if any of my children should die before age or marriage as aforesaid my will is that their respective share or shares shall be equally divided among the survivors of them. Lastly I nominate my said dear & loving wife Hannah Brent & appoint her the executrix of this my last will & Testament & Guardian to my children if she remains a widow. And I also appoint my two loving sons Charles Brent & Hugh Brent to be joined with her when they shall come of age. But should it please God that my said wife should die before my said sons shall come to age or if she shall marry before that time I nominate & appoint my friend & neighbour M^r. Peter Daniel my care & Guardian to my children in his stead, & I hereby make it his friend ship to advise & assist her to the best of his power. And I hereby make & disannul all former wills by me made & declare this writing contains in things the full & true intent of my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand &

Item I give and bequeath to my loving Daughter Mary Brent two Negroes named Sam and Minny & their future increase and one equal part of all my household goods & stock to her and her heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my loving Daughter Ann Brent two Negroes named James & Phillis & their future increase & one equal part of all my household goods and stock to her & her heirs for ever. Item I lead to my dear and loving wife Hannah Brent six Negroes named Tom, Forester, Dick, Betsy, Sarah & Sarah. And her life or widowhood & then to be divided between my four Children Hugh Brent, Mary George Brent & Ann Brent except any of Charles Brent's or Mary's Negroes should die before my wife's death or the division then what Negroes are wanting to them if it should happen shall be made up to them out of those I lent my wife & the remainder only shall be divided between the above mentioned persons. I also give unto my said loving wife one equal part of my household goods & stock. Item I desire that all my bonds or debts I have given to any of my Children before this day may be entered a part of their Estates and not appraised as part of mine. Also that the stock of Ann and Thomas now growing may not be appraised and that my wife & family may have the benefit of it. It is my will and desire that all my Children shall be paid off their fortunes when they arrive to the age of twenty one or at their marriage if it is previous to the said age. And if any of my Children should die before age or marriage as aforesaid my will is that their respective share or shares shall be equally divided among the survivors of them. Lastly I nominate my said dear & loving wife Hannah Brent & appoint her the Executrix of this my last will & Testament & Guardian to my Children if she remains a widow. And do also appoint my two loving Sons Charles Brent & Hugh Brent to be joined with her when they shall come of age. But should it please God that my said wife should die before my said Sons shall come to age or if she should marry before that time I nominate & appoint my friend & Neighbour M^r Peter Daniel my Executor & Guardian to my Children in her stead, & I desire my said friend should to advise & assist him to the last of his power. And I hereby revoke & disannul all former wills by me made & declare this writing contained in these the foregoing pages only to be my last will & Testament. **In witness whereof** I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this twentieth eighth day of August in the year of our Lord 1755.

Signed Sealed and published
in the presence of

Charles Brent

John Anderson & his mark (Seal) & his mark
New Brunswick at Sarah Daniel Mary Foster

