

19th Ordinary officers

Will of David Branch Decd.

State of Georgia In the name of God
Amos County James L David Branch
of said State and County being of advanced
age and knowing that I must shortly de-
part this life deem it right and proper
both as respects my self and family that
I should make a disposition of the proper-
ty with which a kind providence has
blessed me with do therefor make my
last Will and testament revoking all
others here tofore made by me

1st Item

I desire and direct that my body be
buried in decent and Christian like manner
suitable to my circumstances and conditions
in life my soul I trust shall return
to rest with God who gave me as
hope for Eternal salvation through
the merits and atonement of the blessed
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

2nd Item

I desire and direct that all my just
debts be paid without delay by my
Executors here in after appointed
as I am willing my Creditors should
not be delayed their rights Espe-
cially as there is no necessity for
delay

3rd I Give and Bequeath and devise
to my beloved wife Milly for and during
her Natural Life or Widowhood
the following named Negroes Viz
Ben a boy about ten years old Jerry
a boy about twelve years old Sarah
a Girl about nine years old Eliza
a Girl about five years old I
also Give and devise to my said wife
Milly Lots of Land Number Eighty
180 (and Eighty one) 181 in the 6th dis-
trict of Irwin County together with
all and singular the rights members
and appurtenances belonging or appur-
taining to ~~same~~ ^{the} in fee Simple together
with all my farming utensils also
all my ~~...~~ Entire of Stock of
horses and mules &c also my Entire Stock
of Hogs and Sheep house hold and
Kitchen furniture also my Entire
Stock of Cattle Conditioned as
follows I direct and request my
said wife Milly that she shall Give
to Each of my Children on the day
of their
Coming of age or of their Marriage
Each fifteen head of Cattle from
my said ~~stock~~ ^{stock} of Cattle I
~~further direct~~ and require that my
said wife Milly shall Give to
Each one of my Children at the
time of their Marriage or arriving
to the age of Twenty one years

a sum worth Eighty dollars

~~Item~~ I further direct and require that if my said Wife Milley shall ever become married or inter marry with a husband then and in that case all the afore said property left to here shall be and the increase of the same equally divided among all my legal heirs at law and if the my said Wife Milley should not marry then and in that case she shall hold and controll all the afore said property as is here in before set fourth

~~5th Item~~ I direct and require that at the death of my said Wife Milley that all that portion of property here in before set fourth to here shall be Equally divided among all my legal heirs at law.

~~6th Item~~ I hereby Constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Milley ~~the~~ ~~custodian~~ and my worthy brother in law John Fletcher ~~et al~~ of this my last Will and testament this February 9th 1857

David + Branch

Signed, Sealed, declared and published by David Branch as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers who Subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator at his special instance and request and of each other this February 9th 1857

William Branch
Jacob Young to W. S. C.
Irwin County Ga.

Recorded May 4th 1857
N. Henderson Clerk