

I will and direct that Robert Marsh receive the debt due him by said son Joseph Rice and also to pay William C. Steadman the debt due him next in turn to Robert Marsh and all others of his creditors receive in proportion to their respective demands, provided there should be a balance of said Legacy my Executor are directed to put to interest for the use of the ~~children~~ Joseph Rice — The crop that is now growing I leave at the discretion of my Executor to dispose of as they may think best. —

I appoint John Peoples and William C. Steadman my friends to be my Executor — Signed sealed in the presence of us In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven April 29th

John Peoples

William C. Steadman

Henry Hill

Witnessed at May 1827

I Joseph Branson of Chatham County in N. Carolina do make & publish this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former Will by me made First I gave unto my wife Sarah Branson one horse of the first choice also two cows first choice, two head of sheep first choice also two head of hogs first choice six pewter plates & two delf plates & one set sea cups & saucers, six bowls & one set of knives and forks & two delf pitchers, six Iron spoons & one fine gallon Iron pot & one three Gallon Delf Dutch oven two flat Irons & one washing tub two water pails, two Beds & furniture, one large Walnut table & one small Delf six chairs & take the East end of the House which I now live & one fourth of all the Grain & fodder raised on the plantation where I now live & take one case of drawers and one chest one three Gallon Blend bag one two Gallon Bag Delf & at the death of my wife in execution of her last will to be sold & equally divided among my three daughters namely Mary, Semmah Branson and Elizabeth Coffin & Phoebe Walker

four children to count as one namely Sarah Branson Elizabeth and Phoebe Walker I have given unto my son John Branson I gave unto my son Levi Branson the East of said ^{land} I now live on with a horse two cows two head of sheep I gave unto my daughter Mary Branson one horse worth eight dollars two cows two head of sheep one Bed & furniture one case of drawers one washing tub two water pails one four gallon case of drawers one washing tub two water pails one Dutch Oven two flat Iron pots one delf two Gallon pots one delf Dutch oven two flat Irons six pewter plates six delf plates one set of knives and forks one set of the cups & saucers one set of tea spoons one small spring wheel one real one Churn & a half dozen Chairs one bed like is to have what she has made within her life I also give unto my daughter Semmah Branson one horse worth eight dollars saddle & bridle two cows two sheep one bed & furniture one case of drawers one four Gallon Iron pot one delf two Gallon pots two flat Irons one Oven one washing tub two water pails six pewter plates six delf plates one set of Iron spoons one set of tea cups & saucers one set of knives & forks one small spring wheel one half dozen Chairs one real one Churn Mary & Semmah Branson is to have what they have made within themselves all the rest of my land and all other of my property if any to be sold and divided equally amongst my three daughters Phoebe Walker four children to count as one Mary Semmah Branson & Elizabeth Coffin I constitute and appoint my son John Branson my Executor to this my last will & Testament in testimony whereof I Joseph Branson the said testator have signed published & declared the foregoing to be my last will & Testament while in my sound perfect mind Memory March 28th 1827 Witness my hand & seal here is the presence of John Branson

of the State of Georgia

Witnessed at May 1827