

In the name of God amen I Joseph Brainerd
 of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina
 being very sick and weak and in a low state of health
 but in perfect mind and memory calling to mind the
 mortality of my body do make and ordain this my
 last Will and Testament. The first I recommend myself
 to the almighty God my body to the will of my executors
 to be buried in a Christian like manner.

I give and bequeath to my loving Wife Martha
 Brainerd the use of the Land and plantations where
 I now live on during her natural life or widowhood
 and after her marriage or decease then to be rented out
 until my three sons come of age namely Samuel
 William and Joseph Brainerd. I also give to my
 loving Wife Martha a Negro Man by the name
 of Starting also a Negro Girl by the name of
 Charlotte together with three Beds and Furniture
 my Household and Kitchen Furniture and after
 her marriage or decease then the two Negroes above
 named together with the Household Kitchen
 Furniture to be equally divided among my children
 I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan
 Brainerd a Negro woman and Child by the
 name of Pally and Dealy the Kitchen Bed and
 Furniture to her and her heirs forever. I give
 bequeath to my daughter Nancy Brainerd one
 Negro Woman by the name of Ellen also one

Woman by the name of Vitah, one Heaton Bed and
Furniture to her and her heirs forever. I give and
bequeath to my son Joseph Brasington one Negro Boy
by the name of Wilson to him and his heirs forever.
I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Brasing-
ton one Negro ~~Boy~~ by the name of Berry to him
and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto my
son William Brasington, one Negro Boy by the name
of Peter to him and his heirs forever. I give & bequeath
to my daughter Amanda, one Negro Girl by the name
of Amariah, also one Negro Girl by the name of Liza
to her and her heirs forever. I have one Horse one
Maid & Coll for the use of the family and plantation
I also have three Negroes to be sold to pay for the
Land I now live on, namely, Peter, Emory & Pleasant also
two Horses Darners & Cuck by name. I also leave my
Waggon & gear for the use of my family and plantation
I give. It is my Will and desire that after my Death
and paid that the remainder of my property to be
equally divided between my three daughters, namely
Susan, Nancy & Amanda Brasington. Lastly I do
hereby nominate and appoint my wife Abanah
Brasington, Oliver Prince & Bartholomew Lyle my
Executors and Executor to this my last Will and
Testament making, Null and Void all other Will or
Wills heretofore by me made Ratifying & confirming

there are no others to my last Will and Testament
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 this the 11th day of April in the year of
 Lord the thousand eight hundred and ten
 signed sealed & delivered
 in presence of us } Joseph Brasington
 Thomas Lister }
 William Davis }
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MS. In the sum leaving one Horse one Ox and
 the Waggon & gear for the use of my family
 plantation the true intent and meaning is for
 use of my Wife Martha during her life or
 widowhood.

John Brasington

Thomas M. Sturdevant

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 Thomas Lister

In the name of God amen I John
 of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina
 being very sick but perfect in mind and memory
 on the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed
 for all men once to die, do first and principally
 and bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty
 God that gave it and my Body to be buried in Christian
 like burial at the direction of my Executors, not
 doubting but at the resurrection to receive the same
 my property I will and bequeath in the manner
 & form as followeth. Unto my beloved Wife I leave

Land I now live on containing of sixty Acres the same more
 or less also one pound clear and two Cows, also all my household
 and Kitchen Furniture, also my plantation working Tools, also
 the whole of my Stock of Cattle and Hogs, to her during her
 life time or widowhood my Waggon and Gear to be
 sold with my Warehouse Tools, and the money apply as
 much of it as may do to satisfy all my last debts, the
 balance if any of any I leave to my Wife or above mentioned
 with all the money now due me, but after the death or
 marriage of my beloved Wife the whole of my property
 above mentioned or whatsover may be left after raising
 of my Children I give to be equally divided between or
 amongst my five daughters, namely Mary Whitaker
 Betsey Eliza Patsy, Leaslip, Polly & Anna, I leave
 I leave, giving I leave to William Collier and my
 beloved Wife Executors of this my last Will and Testament
 this the 13th day of February 1809.

Signed sealed in the presence
 of us three all together

Isaac Kirby
 William Cole
 Ellis Cole

John Collier

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by Isaac Kirby
 William Cole