

State of North Carolina. I Levi Branson being in sound
Chatham County. Mind and Memory (God be thanked)
Calling to Mind that it is appointed for all Men to die do make
and publish this my last will and testament in manner and
form following

First I give and bequeath to my loving
wife Rachel Branson all the household furniture now
in my possession that she brought with her at the time
of our marriage during that she may continue to live on
the same plantation whereon I now live during her life time
I give and divide to my daughter ~~Rachel Branson~~
Rebecca Pugh one half of the tract of land in Randolph
County at the Buffalo ford on deep River containing two
hundred and five acres which land is to be divided or
sold by my executor in such manner as may be most to the
interest of both parties together with one hundred dollars
in money also I give and divide to my Son in law William
Cook the other half of the above tract of land at the
Buffalo ford on deep River or its balance as divided and
sold as above directed I give to my daughter Mary Branson
one the tract of land whereon I now live with a
small tract adjoining it on the North side together
with all the stock and farming utensils thereon I
give and bequeath to my Sons Thomas Joseph & Henry
Levi and Rebecca collectively and my daughter Ma-
chel Pugh all the monies that may be received
on my account from Residents in Virginia and
equally divided among the above mentioned and
lastly I give to my Grand Son Eli Pugh one hundred

114 dollars I constitute Eli Pugh and David Pental
to be my executors of this my last will and testament
in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this twenty fourth day of January in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty
four - Signed sealed published & his
and acknowledged in presence of 3 Levi Branson Seal
William Pental
Solomon Pental

Second February 1824

Calling to mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it approaches
for all men one to die I being well Reasonable health and of sound mind
and memory I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament
in manner and form as follows (to wit) My Will is that all my last
debts be paid out of such of my Estate as may best suit for that purpose
I give to my beloved wife Lydia Holaday during her Natural life
for her support the Land whereon I now live with all the profits arising
therefrom with my Gray mare and her choice of the Cows and so much
of the House hold Kitchen furniture as she shall cause to keep for
her use whilst living with two sheep her Chind. two hogs & Pigs up
there is such at the time, or as much money as will by them and
at her death what she leaves to be sold land and all the other articles
the Land at the option of my Executors either by private sale or
public sale as may think most for the Advantage of my heirs by
giving a Reasonable Credit with Interest from the date my
other Estate to be sold according to law in such Cases and be
divided as follows that is to say to my son Joshua Holaday I give
the sum of Three hundred dollars to my son Samuel Holaday I
give the sum of three hundred dollars to my son Simon Holaday
I give the sum of Two hundred dollars to Sarah Mills I give the
sum of fifty dollars to my Daughter known by the name of Hannah
Davies the sum of fifty dollars and to my daughter Ruth Gaskley

I give the sum of fifty dollars and the balance of my Estate of any
remains to be paid out to my bread and to be equally divided between my
the Children of my daughter that is to say Sarah Mills Hannah Davist
and Ruth Gaskley or as many of them as come to Lawfull age with the
Interest due at the time of their receiving their share - And lastly
I hereby appoint my son Samuel Holaday and Aaron Lindly my sole
Executors of this my last Will and Testament ratifying and confirming
this and no other to be my Will - In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this eighth day of 16th moth 1821
Samuel Holaday Seal

In presence of us
Nathaniel Newlin
James Carter

Subscribed to the above

State of North Carolina Chatham County

Whereas Samuel Holaday do make and ordain this a Codicil
to my last Will and Testament bearing date the eighth day of the
Tenth month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and Twenty one, having lately been informed of the death of my
son Simon, therefore I wish and bequeath that part of my Estate which
I had bequeathed to him to his two Children namely Samuel Pentney &
Aledia Edge, share & share alike to be paid whenever may be
their Guardian or soon as my Executors may find it convenient
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and
do pronounce this a Codicil to my last Will & Testament
above named this twentieth day of the fifth month in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty
four

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of
Nathaniel Newlin

Witness
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Witnessed the Will and Codicil at
Waynesborough 1825 by
Nathaniel Newlin a Subscribing
Witness