

this my last will and testament. First of all I recommend my
 soul unto the hands of almighty God that at first gave it &
 my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent
 Christian burial at the discretion of my Exors not doubting but at
 the general resurrection I shall receive it again by the mighty
 power of God and as touching some worldly estate as it hath
 pleased God to bless me with I will and bequeath them in
 the following manner and from this to say, I give and bequeath
 to my son William Bland three hundred acres of land lying
 in Virginia on the head of Powels branch, also a small man
 and cott. Stone - I give and bequeath to my grand son Saml Bland
 the son of William Bland & Rachel his wife - two cows and one
 calf & 3 yearlings also two feather beds & furniture to it Also
 twenty pounds of proclamation money also I give him my riding
 horse saddle & bridle - (I Give) I give and bequeath to my son Thomas
 Bland five shillings. (I Give) I give and bequeath to my son Charles
 Bland 5 shillings. (I Give) I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary
 Parker one side saddle & my hogs. (I Give) I give and bequeath to
 my son Saml Bland all the goods of mine that he has on hand or
 in his possession. (I Give) I give and bequeath to my son John Bland
 5 shillings. (I Give) I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Bland 5
 shillings. William Bland and Saml Bland whom I con-
 stitute the sole Exors of this my last will and testament in
 witnesses I have in the presence of their witnesses here unto set my
 hand and fastened my seal this the 19th day of March in the year of
 our Lord 1775 Signed, sealed published and pronounced and
 decreed by the said William Bland as his last will and testament in
 the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each
 other of us have here unto subscribed our names. Thomas ^{his} & Lee ^{his} Handy ^{his}
 Parle. Rachel ^{her} & Powell ^{their} William Bland (Seal) +

State of North Carolina
 Duplin County

January Term 1865-

Edolph
 Murchis
 Then was the within will proved in court by the oath
 of David Wright one of the subscribing witnesses thereto
 and the above codicil to the foregoing will was at the
 same time proved by the oath of Howell Hodges one of the
 subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time Warren

this the fourth day of December 1808. Signed sealed
 and delivered in presence of D. Wright ^{Witness}
 Edolph ^{his} Branch ^{son}

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October Term 1819

The within will was proved in open court by the oath of
 Immus Gufford one of the subscribing witnesses then to and
 at the same time Archibald Branch one of the Executors named
 in said will came before the court and manifested as such acc-
 ording to law - ordered that letters issued accordingly - Archibald &c
 In the name of God amen - I Archibald Branch of Duplin Co
 and State of North Carolina being sick in bed and weak and body
 but of perfect sound mind and memory, and calling to mind that it
 was appointed for me now or never to die I will and with my soul to the
 Lord and my body to the dust to be buried in christian love
 manner and do here by make my last will and testament and by
 these presents do freely give and bequeath unto my true and loving wife
 Branch & Elizabeth Branch all and singular this land belonging to my estate
 lying below the main path that leads from the main Road at the
 corner of Immus Gufford's field to the cross of the branch at the woolf
 field then north side of sd branch to the main marsh next to
 woolf field and the new ground with five negroes viz Sney Silver
 Ball Dick Lewis to have and to hold the sd said property during her
 life or widow hood after the same is the full to my youngest son
 Bryan Branch Bounded as follows runs a strale line from the
 to the crossing of the woolf branch thence down the west side of sd
 branch to the marsh so as to comit the head of the branch to
 the D Bapt also thre negroes Sney Silver & Lewis. I also give &
 bequeath unto my well beloved son Benjamin Branch all
 the lands of my estate lying above the woolf branch and
 from the crossing place of sd branch to the main road also
 a negro boy name Dick and also a certain Lay house also
 one half the stock and working tools from and after the death
 of the within I also give and bequeath unto my beloved son
 Archibald Branch one negro boy name Sam. I also give
 unto my daughter Polly Keathley two negroes Del & Roscoe
 to him and to the heirs of him body - I also give & bequeath