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In the Name of God Amen I John Bradford of Halifax County, and State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of perfect sound mind and memory do this 13 day of April, One Thousand Seven hundred and eighty Seven make and publish this to be my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following: (Viz.)
 Item, I will that my just debts be first paid and Satisfied.

Item, I lend to my loving wife Elizabeth During her Natural life Negroes Guss, Phillis and Mann and all their future increase, and at the decease of my said wife, I will that the said negroes and their increase, go to my son William if he shall be then living but in case he shall die before that time I will that the said Negroes and their increase be divided to my sons Perry, Joseph, John and Richard Henry, I also lend to my loving Wife Margaret Jones and her increase, untill my son William shall come to law full age, and then I will that the said Negroe and her increase go to my son William if he shall be then living but in case he shall die before that time then I will that the said Negroe Jones and her increase be divided to my sons, Perry, Joseph, John and Richard Henry at the time my son William would be of Age in case he should have lived. —

Item, I give and bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth two feet the bed and the usual furniture that belongs to them, being the bed, I usually sleep upon and the bed that was formerly hers, four beds and calves, two young Steers, three sows

and Shaws, Six head of Sheep, One Chest, One Oval Table Six glass water and chin
two iron pots, One Small Dutch Oven, One Tea Kettle, half dozen pewter plates, two
d. dishes, two Stom dishes, One dozen d. plates One pewter Tea pot all my Tea
cups and Saucers, two pewter Basons, two Stone basons, One &c, One Fishing
Tee, two broad hoes, two plough hoes, One Glass Wheel, One Wooling d. One mill
Bus, One Small looking glass two flat irons one bay Man called Blase One
House called Little Gray. —

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca Branch One large China Bowl
besides what I have already given her that is in her possession. —

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Negroes, Chester, Pender, and Anne
One feather bed and the usual furniture One bay man and horse, that is called her, and One
loom and furs. —

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Crowell Negroes, Richard and all her Children
One and Warwick. —

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Francis's Mother, Negroes Lewis and Polly
pounds Current money besides what I have already given her. —

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Thome Bradford his heirs and assigns for
ever, three hundred and fifty acres of land, on Fishing Creek, that is now in his possession
Joining the lands of Samuel Crowell, one set of blacksmiths tools, One case of
one Bay man that is in his possession, half dozen Silver Teaspoons, and Negro
and &c. —

44. Item. I give and bequeath unto my Son Joseph John Bradford his Heirs and Assigns for ever, all that part of my land and plantation, that lies on the lower or East side of the great Branch and on the South side of Burncoat Swamp up the said Branch to Woolsey's line, also Negroes, Ploughman, Jacob and Wenner, One feather bed and furniture, that belongs to it, One Brandy Still One Silver Watch One bay mare that is called his. —

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Richard Henry Bradford his Heirs and Assigns for ever, all that part of my land and plantation that lies on the upper or West side of the great Branch and on the South Side of Burncoat Swamp joining the lands bequeathed to my Son Joseph John up to Woolsey's line, also Negroes, Wicks, Tom and Ned, one young bay horse called the Eclipse colt, One pair of Sugar Tongs, half dozen Silver Teaspoons. —

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Miriam Crowell Negroes Lucy, Darius and Marian, two cows and calves, one Prayer Book, a treatise on Christian perfection, one Small China Bowl, one young Sorrell Horse and one large Bible. —

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann, one feather Bed and furniture that belongs to it and one Small bible. —

Item. I give and bequeath to my son William Bradford his Heirs and Assigns for ever, Three hundred and twenty four Acres of land lying in said County, joining the lands of Thomas, and Walter Pitts, deceased. —

Item. I give and bequeath all the remaining part of my estate to my daughter Ann. —

Them. I give and bequeath all the remainder of my Negroes that is not given
- look in my Will, and all their future increase, to be equally divided to my
- seven youngest daughters, to wit - Ann, Sarah, Martha and Mary, to be
- divided to them, or to those of them, that shall come to age or marry. —

Them. I will that the hands that are put under the Overseer, remain on the
- plantation untill the Crop is finished, and that my loving Wife have
- one fifth part of said Crop, and the remainder to be sold and divided as
- the rest of my perishable Estate is directed to be, also that my loving Wife
- have the use of my dwelling house, parry, larder house and garden in
- - - - - If any Executors shall finish the Buildings on the North side Burncoat
- Swamp agreeable to contract with La. before Marriage, which I desire
- they may do as soon as possible out of My Estate. —

Them. I will that all the remainder of my perishable Estate be sold by my
- Executors, giving six months Credit, and the money arising thereby to be
- equally divided to my seven youngest Children to wit - Joseph John, Richard
- Henry, Ann, Sarah, Martha Mary, and William, after all my Just debts are paid.
Them. I give and bequeath unto my son William after the decease of my loving
- Wife, one hundred and Ninety two acres of land, on the North side of Burn
- coat Swamp adjoining where I live in case he shall live till that time, but in
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case he shall die before that time and leave no lawful issue then I will that the said land go to my son, Joseph John and his Heirs, I say my Son William His Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item. I will that my Friend the Reverend Henry John Burgess be Guardian to my son Richard Henry untill he arrives to Lawful age and as I have given up the whole disposal of my said son untill he comes to Age, I do hereby Authorise and empower him, the said Henry John Burgess in case he shall think it Necessary at any time hereafter to Sell and dispose of any part of the Lands, Negroes, or other Estate bequeathed to my son Richard Henry in order to finish and complete his Education and to Support him till he comes to Lawful age.

Item. I will that William Wooster be Guardian to my son William and that he is hereby Authorised to apply any part or the Whole of the Money that shall be coming to my said son out of the Sales of my Estate towards educating him and further my will is that my son William shall be maintained out of the part of my Estate that is given and left to my loving Wife together with the profits of his own part.

Item. I will that my land lying in Buck Swamp be sold by my executors on twelve Months Credit, and the money arising thereby, to be divided as the perishable part of my Estate is directed.

I will that Henry Bradford Samuel Crowell and William Wooster be executors

I will that Henry Bradford, Samuel Crowell and William Wotton be execu-
tors to this my last Will and Testament revoking and rescinding all former
Wills hitherto by me made and do publish and declare this to be my last
Will and Testament.

Sealed and declared to be the last Will
and Testament of the Testator in
presence of us.

J Bradford Seal

J^r. Shearman, Rhodham Rawling &
Tillery.

A Codicil of one last will and Testament published declared and signed the
13th day of April Anno Domini 1707. Viz. In the legacy bequeathed unto my loving Wife
(to Wit) a Negroe girl named Agness for and during the term of my son William
coming of age my Will and devise, that in case my said Wife should not
live till the time of the coming of age of my said son William or he be before
arrives to Lawfull age that the said Negroe Girl be and her increase be divided
among my sons, Henry, Joseph John, and Richard Henry Bradford to them
their heirs and assigns for ever share and share alike, and do hereby utterly revoke the
foresaid Legacy so far as it comes within the purview of this Codicil In Witness where-
of I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 5th day of October Anno Domini
1707.

Published and declared in presence of
John Williams Solicitor his Mother

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