

John Branch for wife

In The Name of God Amen I John Branch Junr of Halifax County
and State of North Carolina being of a Sound Mind & disposing Memory but knowing
the Mortality of my body and Calling to mind that it is appointed for all
Men once to die do make and Enact this my will & Testament in manner
and form following Viz

First I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Branch during her widowhood the
lands whereon I now live and with all other of my lands beginning it all my household
and kitchen furniture except such as is hereafter disposed of in my said will
of Corn all my Stock of Hogs & Sheep eight Cows & Calves four horses with
two Saddle Horses & two Sorel Mares my riding Chair & harness four Hacks of
Tobacco also the following Negroes to wit London & his wife & Children Mary &
Child Francis Sally Mary Rebecca Sam Jack Miller & Samuel

Secondly I give and bequeath to my daughter Calanee Branch the following Negroes to wit
George Parks Dafney and her two Children Mary Alfred Mrs Peggy Polly
Eliza little Luke & Clark & Giddy with their increase two beds & furniture
to her she lives & supports for ever

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Branch my land & plantation known by
the name of the Yellow Concession six hundred acres more or less for himself
and of land in the State of Tennessee on the Waters of Duck River amounting to
eighty now in possession My son Blacksmiths wife Luke & Matt together with the
lot of Blacksmiths tools and one Negro boy named Ben with & furniture to him as
him and support for ever

Fourthly I give unto my grand son Henry Branch of Philadelphia that house & furniture of
John Phinney which William Johnston now lives in in the State of Tennessee
after the death of the said William & his wife to him his heirs & assigns for ever
Fifthly I give unto my son John Branch and John Branch junr of Halifax County each to him
the sum of

that is not already assigned to him

I am I give with my two sons James and John
these things &
6th My will is that all the residue of my estate that is not already assigned shall
be paid my debts to equal amounts between my three youngest children. I have I have
also my wife Eliza Washington & William Branch also that part of my estate
but my wife after she shall be married to them, then James & John you can
be it understood that in case either of my three last mentioned children should
die before they come of age or marry my will is that the property left to them
should descend to the surviving two, and if either of my two last mentioned children
should die before they come of age or marry the two surviving left to them. So the
descend to the surviving one

My will further is that my children surviving should be each part of my
personal property left to my three youngest children, so they be respectively to
discharge my debts and if they should not be a sufficient of such property
to discharge the same that they sell as many of the negroes left to my three
last youngest children to wit Eliza Washington & William as may be necessary
for the payment of said debts

Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my two sons James & John
Branch my son in law Cap. Benton Whitaker and my friend Leonard Long
whole of the Executors of this my last will and Testament meeting and
discharging all former debts by the three in abovesaid & these heirs
at my hand & seal this 25th day of November 1793

I have sealed & acknowledged in
presence of

Mr. Lewis Perry & Nathaniel
March

I Daniel Boone