

give money to her, her heirs & assigns forever. Item, I give & bequeath to my son Nicholas Branch
all the residue & remaining part of my Land, containing eight hundred Acres to the same Nicholas Branch
and also I give & bequeath to my said son Nicholas Branch all the remaining part of my Negroes
I have not already given away viz. Phill. David Chancy, Old Hannah, Old Peter and all the residue
remaining part of my estate of every kind whatever to him, his heirs & assigns forever. I do hereby
make & Ordain my worthy Friend John Branch Executor of this my last Will & Testament, Respecting
& annulling all other Wills made by me since & before this date. In witness whereof I have signed this my last Will & Testament
at my home this day & year first above written.

Signed, Sealed, Published & Declared by the said William Branch
the Testator, as his last Will & Testament, in the presence of us,
who were present at the time of signing & Sealing thereof.

James Hathorn, William Pullen

Malifax County, Va.

William Branch

February 18th 1798. Then this Will was exhibited to the
Court & duly proved to the Oath of William Pullen & James Hathorn, two of the Subscribing Witnesses
thereof, & in Motion ordered to be Recorded. Whereupon John Branch the Executor in the said Will
named, Comes in & was duly qualified thereby —

Witness Long CC

I Thomas Cooper of Malifax County in the State of North Carolina Planter, being
Weak in body but sound in mind do make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament
in Manner & form following. Item, I will that all my just debts be first paid.
Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Rachael Cooper a Negro Girl called Rose together
with the increase of her body to the said Rachael Cooper & her heirs forever, also I give unto the
said Rachael Cooper the two first Children that comes or may be born of my Negro Girl

Thomas Cooper Will

I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Nancy Cooper my Negro Girl Peggy unto her & her heirs forever. Item I give & bequeath unto my said Daughters Nancy & Rachael Cooper a good feather bed with two Sheets, two Blankets & two Rugs. Item I will that my lands Consisting of One hundred and fifty Acres by deed & fifty Acres by right of possession situate upon the South Side of Jacket Swamp in the County aforesaid be sold at public Sale, or on the best terms at three Years Credit the Last payment thereof the first Year One third of the Amount to be paid the second on the second Year: for good Term & Security, & the sums arising therefrom to be equally divided between my said Daughters when they arrive at the years of maturity, and the residue of my property I will to be sold & the Amount equally divided between my said Daughters. I leave my brother Isles Cooper my Executor, Requesting him to be as a father to my Children. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this twenty third day of January, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety four.

Witness
 Nathaniel Simmons, Becketthem ^{her} Turner
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Thomas Cooper 

Halifax County, Va. February, Sepsons 1794. Then this Will was Exhibited in Open Court & duly proved by the oath of Becketthem Turner One of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, & on Motion Ordered to be Recorded, whereupon Isles Cooper the Executor in the said Will Named, Came in & was duly Qualified thereto.

Witness Long M.

In the name of God Amen. I John Sutherland of Halifax County and State of North Carolina, am sick & weak of body, yet of sound sense & Memory thanks be unto God for it; knowing that life & sense is uncertain, do make this to be my last Will and Testament, viz. I recommend my body to the Earth to be decently buried, at the discretion of my Executors & my Soul I recommend into the hands of God that gave it & as to my worldly estate I do give & bequeath in the following Manner, viz. I bequeath unto my loving wife