

...of land which I have of late
I reserved for my own use & disposal, I do further give to my
Daughter Susannah Smith my Riding mare, &c, the half
of my Corn crop now growing to her & her heirs forever -

Item. I Give & bequeath to my Grandson John Elliott a Note I have
on John Dewry for Twenty nine Dollars & the Interest, likewise
my Chairs, Tables & all my Bedchamber furniture to him & his heirs forever

Item. It is my will & desire, that all my Stock of Hogs & Sheep together
with my Farming Utensils & other things not mentioned of
any are found shall be sold and all my Just debts paid &
my funeral expenses paid, and the balance of what money
may be left with what I have on hand be equally divided
between all my Children - And lastly I make and
ordain & appoint my John Barnett & my son in law Geo
W. Smith Executors of this my last will & Testament -
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed
my seal This day & year above written -

Signed sealed published & declared in presence of us
who in the presence of each other were present at
the of these presents -

Polly Barnett }
Jas C McFee - }

John Barnett Seal

" In the name of God amen. & being the 9th 1779 I David
Bradford of the County of Newbern, of the State of North
Carolina (his Deadman) being very sick & weak in body, but
of perfect mind & reasoning that he has given to God, therefore
calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die, Do make & Ordain this to be my last will &
Testament, That is to say principally and first of all I Give &
recommend my soul into the hand of God that gave it hoping
to find acceptance thro' the all precious Intercession of
of Christ his own the Son of his Father, & for my Body
I commend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent
manner at the discretion of my Executors, to be hereafter
named, nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I
shall receive the same again by the mighty power of

And as touching such worldly Estate as I have received God to bestow
me with in this life I give dominion & possession of the same in manner
following, after the payment of my just debts —

First. I give & bequeath to Mary my dearly & well beloved wife the whole
of my Moveable Estate & Household Furniture together with her
living on the Plantations on which I now live (except such things
as shall be hereafter mentioned which Moveable Estate I shall
think to have during life or widowhood and in case of her decease
I shall have what she may see proper to manage the Moveable Estate to be
divided & sold & Equally divided between her & my children my
eldest son James Bradford excepted who is at my decease to receive
his part Except such part of the Moveable Estate or Furniture as
his Mother may see fit to bestow upon him and at marriage
or decease the said to be divided in following manner viz
I said Bradford & my son to hold & enjoy this end of the place now
occupied & improved. Michael Samuel Bradford my two
younger sons to have their part on the East side of the improve-
ment. Michael at the Flint Spring on the latter branch be-
neath David & his Heirs all the said surveyed land on the
West side of the big branch none of them improving or doing
any thing on the East side of said so as to be hurtful to the
land of my younger sons & the surveyed land of this place on
which I live with teeth on the East side of said branch to be
divided Equally between my youngest sons before mentioned &
him I do hold the same which I bequeath to them & their Heirs
and as for James Bradford my eldest son I do give dominion &
bequeath that plantation or tract of Land containing 200
lying on the Wagon road between John Hendley & Anthony Ross
Liberman one day more three years old with all her increase &
his double & triple is also his Rifle Gun —

Then I do also by this my last Will improve my truly & well beloved
wife Mary if she remains in a State of widowhood to her decease
to dispose & bequeath such Moveable Estate & Furniture as she shall
then stand possessed of in such manner & form as she shall see best &
out of the whole of the Moveable Estate she is to pay back & pay
one of the children & her husband as she shall think fit & necessary &

living on the plantations on which I now live (except such things
as he shall hereafter mentioned which moveable Estate & Land
shall be to have during life or widowhood and in case after her dying
the same shall be my sole & separate at marriage the moveable Estate to be
divided & sold & Equally divided between her & my children my
eldest son James Medford excepted who is at my desire to receive
his part Except such part of the moveable Estate as for instance as
his mother may see fit to bestow upon him and at marriage
or divorce the said to be divided in following manner viz
I said I said, and my son to hold & enjoy this end of the place now
occupied & improved. Michael & Samuel Medford my two
younger sons to have their part on the East side of the improve-
ment. Michael at the plant Spring on the little branch be-
neath David & his Heirs all the said surveyed land on the
West side of the big branch none of them improving or doing
any thing on the East side of said to be as to be hereafter to the
land of my younger sons & the surveyed land of this place on
which I live that to the East side of said branch to be
divided Equally between my youngest sons before mentioned &
him I do hold the same which I bequeath to them & their Heirs
and as for James Medford my eldest son I do give devise &
bequeath that plantation or tract of Land containing 205
lying on the wagon road between John Hendley & Anthony Pops
between one way more three years old with all her increase &
her double & triple is also his Rifle Gun --
I do also by this my last Will improve my truly & well beloved
wife Mary if she remains in a state of widowhood to her devise
to dispose & bequeath such moveable Estate & furniture as she shall
then stand possessed of in such manner & upon the she shall see best &
out of the whole of the moveable Estate she is to purchase such & every
one of the children do much as she shall think fit & necessary &
pay all lawful debts. -- Also I do by these presents nominate
constitute and appoint my well beloved wife Mary together
with Mrs. Pops, friends & neighbors James & James Hendley

Signed Sealed & Delivered as the Last Will & Testament
of David Braden in presence of us the undersigned
Witnesses - I am Henry

David Bradford Child

"I leave & bequeath to each of my three Daughters viz Sarah, Harriet
Mary Lewis & Margaret Robinson the sum of Eight Shillings each
"I leave & bequeath to my beloved son Thomas Walsh all my Iron
tools including my three maces tools & all the best clothes together
with the best that I now belong to. & all the remaining Articles that
to me belongs, so that I have a my right to Exclusion of my son
more interested than to John Walsh. I leave to my son Thomas &