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It was before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
begun & held for the County of Orange at the Court
house in Charlottesville on the second Tuesday
next in the Year of our Lord One thousand & one
hundred & thirty and the Execution of the within Will
was duly proved by the oath of Thomas Spencer
& ordered to be Recorded.

Test James Watson J.

May the Lord be with the last Will & Testament of
Mary Shephard, Widow, whose I find my self indebted
& obliged is large, though in perfect Mind & Memory
though the Mary's self is and not expecting not to remain
long in this World I wish to settle my Affairs &
Concurrence in it, first I desire my funeral Charges
may be paid out of my Effects, Secondly I will &
Bequeath unto my son Jacob Shephard the sum of
five Shillings, to be paid out of my effects & to
my Daughter Mary Whitehead and her heirs likewise
I will & Bequeath, to my Daughter, Rachel
Dennis my Maid & Lads and the Coll to be used
Dennis & all the rest of my stock & moveables, my
Furniture, Household Goods, with my Money, Appurtenances
excepted I desire may be paid to Jacob & the said Coll
be equally Divided between the Children of John Dennis
& John Slater Rachel Dennis forever excepted and
it is my Will that the Parents of said Children shall
be Executors & Guardians over said Children, to be paid
the same to their proper use that I do Will & Bequeath
unto my Loving Daughter, Mary Dennis all my wearing
apparel, together with my Bed & all furniture, Furniture
Belonging, & it is further to be observed that the said
Children of John Dennis & John Slater shall all
have each Equally Except Rachel Dennis each shall

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Children shall & further I appoint the said John Dennis &
John Slater Executors wholly & solely of the my last
Will & Testament

Witness present
James Jackson
Samuel Mowry
Math. Jackson

Henry C. Shephard
Clerk

At an Inferior Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
begun & held for the County of Orange & at the
Court house in Charlottesville on the second Tuesday
of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand &
one hundred & thirty and. Present his Majesty's
Justice &c. the Execution of the aforesaid Will was
duly proved by the Oath of Samuel Mowry
& ordered to be Recorded.

Test James Watson J.

In the name of God amen I Richard Brannen
of the County of Orange, in North Carolina being of
perfect mind & Memory, but calling to mind the Uncertain-
ty of this Transitory life, do make & ordain, this my last
Will & Testament in manner & form following
First I humbly recommend my soul unto the hands of
almighty God, who gave it & my Body to the Earth to be
interred in a decent Christian Manner in some Christian
place of the Buriall, to eternal life, the Mercy & Assistance
of Jesus Christ my Saviour & Redeemer & my
Worthy Father which it hath pleased God to bestow
upon me I give direct & Bequeath as follows Viz. my
Will & Ordain is that all my Just & legal Funeral Charges
be first paid & fully satisfied.

I give & Bequeath to my loving son Valentine Jacob Branswell three hundred & twenty acres of Land - Lying on the North side of how Rivers at the lower end of about of Land. Bought Hecker Macdonald. to him his heirs & assigns forever

I give & Bequeath to my loving son Richard William Branswell the Reversion of that Tract of late thought of Hecker Macdonald which is three hundred & twenty acres. to him his heirs & assigns forever - after my Loving Wife's Decease. but my Will & Desire is that she should have a reasonable & Quaint Substantive during her Natural life

I give my Will & Desire is that if either of them my wife before mentioned dies without issue that her part should fall to her other Brother & if both die without issue I desire that the whole tract should be Equally Divided between my two Daughters Mary Branswell & Tabitha Branswell & my Loving Wife Joyce Branswell. to them their Heirs & assigns forever

I give & Bequeath to my loving Wife Joyce Branswell all & Every part of my Movable Estate, during her Natural Life, & after her Decease my will & Desire is that it should be Equally Divided between my four Children. Valentine Jacob Branswell, Richard William Branswell, Mary Branswell & Tabitha Branswell to them their heirs & assigns forever - And I do hereby constitute & appoint my Loving friend Hecker Macdonald & my Loving Wife Joyce Branswell & my Loving Brother Henry Branswell Executors of this my last Will & Testament. Resolving & Disavowing all former Will or Wills by me heretofore made allowing this & no other to be my last Will & Testament as Witness my hand & Seal this twelfth Day of June One thousand seven hundred & eighty one Signed sealed & acknowledged Richard Branswell
Witnesses John Branswell

At an Inferior Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions begun & held for the County of Orange, at the Court house in Chathamburg on the second Tuesday in August in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & eighty One. the Execution of the aforesaid Will was duly proved by the Oath of John Branswell & others to be true.
Test James Watson C. C.

In the name of God amen the 16th Day of September the Year of our Lord 1781 & Thomas Berry Esquire in Orange County in the Province of North Carolina being sick of Body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be to Almighty God & Calling to Remembrance the Uncertain Estate of this Transitory Life, & that all flesh must of needs to death when it shall please God to call to make Constitution & said & Declared, this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following. Resolving & Disavowing by this present and Every Testament & Testaments Will & Wills heretofore by me made & Declared, either by word or Writing & this is to be taken only for my last Will & Testament & no other. and first being Penitent & very free from my heart for my sins past, most humbly Desiring forgiveness for the same. I give & Commit my Soul to Almighty my Creator & Redeemer in whom I by the Merits of Jesus Christ trust & believe myself. to be saved & to have full Confidence & Assurance for my Soul & that my Soul with my Body at the General Day of the Resurrection shall stand again with Joy & through the Merits of Christ's Death & precious sacrifice to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven prepared for his Elect & chosen. & my Body to be buried in my new Burial in a Christian Decent manner. According to the Direction of my Executors hereafter named and appointed & now for the settling of my Temporal Estate I wish & order & charge & desire that both please God for about my

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