

40 Jonathan Revere land and to her heirs and
Assigns forever, and also my Plantation I bought
of John Johnston, & her and her heirs and Assigns
forever — ~~Now~~ I give demise and bequeath
to my loving daughter Elizabeth the
Plantation I bought of Alexander Dugless to her
(and her heirs and Assigns for ever) ~~Nextly~~ I
Nominate ordain and appoint my loving Wife Mary
Samuel Young, and Thomas M. Gay my Executors
and Executors of this my last Will and Testament
hereby Revoking and Disannulling all other and
former Wills Testaments Legacies, Bequests, devises
(and Executors by me heretofore named ordained or
appointed hereby ratifying and confirming this &
no other to be my last Will and Testament, Codicil
in the month and year above written. I Thomas Lyall
do bequeath to my step daughter Susanna Coward
my Mare that goes under her name and a Cow &
a saddle and Bridle to her and her heirs & Assigns
for ever, and my will and pleasure is that this Codicil
be deemed & taken as part and parcel of my Will

Signed sealed, published & pronounced
& declared by the said Thomas Lyall
as his last Will and Testament in presence
of us the subscribers

James Brandon
James Graham
William M. Gay

Thos. Lyall

June 17 1790 49
In the name of God Amen I James Brandon of
Rowan County in the state of North Carolina being very sick
and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks
be given unto God and calling to mind the mortality of my
body and that it is appointed for men to die. Do make this my
last will and testament and principally and first of all
I give and Recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave
it hoping through the Death merits and Intercession of my Lord
and saviour Jesus Christ to have a full and free pardon and
forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life and
my Body I commit to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian
burial at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named nothing
doubting but to receive the same again at the General Resurrection
by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate
wherein it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give
Devise bequeath and Dispose of in the following manner and
form (viz) It is my will and pleasure that all those just debts
and Duties as I owe to any manner of person or persons whomsoever
either in Law or Equity be first paid in some convenient
time after my decease by my Executors hereafter named

Item I give demise and bequeath unto my Beloved son William
Brandon that tract of land whereon he now lives Beginning at
the mouth of the spring Branch on the North side of fourth
Creek and running up said branch to the head thereof thence
a west course to the boundary line of said Tract thence the course
is of the original Road to the mill I am thence down the course is of
the dam and Creek to the Beginning Including the gristmill with
only the part of the saw mill only, and my Negro woman Floriah
and her Child called Yank and to his heirs and assigns forever

Item I give demise and bequeath unto my Loving son Benjamin
Brandon Four Hundred Acres of my Land on the north side
of fourth Creek Including the improvements where he now lives
Beginning at the Original Beginning comes on the North

50) of fourth Creek and so round according to the course is for complement and my Negroe fellow called Paul and one third part of the saw mill to his heirs & assigns for evr.

Item I give demise and Bequeath unto my Loving Son John Brandon all the Remainder of my Land on the North side of fourth Creek Being betwixt Williams & Benjamins parts afore said and my Negroe fellow Henry and to his heirs and assigns forever and one third part of the saw mill.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Jane Wilson my Negroe women Hannah and all and singular her sisters apparel and bed and bed clothes and the sheep called Marys and to her assigns and heirs for evr.

Item I give and bequeath and demise unto my Loving Son Abel Brandon one half of the plantation & her on the south side of fourth Creek both in Quantity (and Quality) and my Negroe wench called Pate and my Ox Colt and to his heirs and assigns for evr.

Item I give Bequeath and demise unto my Loving Son Armstrong Brandon the Remainder of my plantation where on I now live on the south side of fourth Creek and my Negroe wench Dinah the half of my sheep and my Ox filley and to his heirs and assigns for evr.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved Wife Rebecca her dower of and in all my Land on the south side of fourth Creek demise as afore said to my two Sons Abel and Armstrong together with all and singular my house hold furniture and use of my mention house my sowed more five till cows the one half of the sheep and my Ox Colt and to his heirs and assigns for evr.

51) Lastly the remainder and residue of my Estate both real and personal I Give and Bequeath to my two youngest Sons (Abel and Armstrong) share and share alike to them and their heirs and assigns forever. Lastly I have ordain Constitute and appoint Abel Armstrong and my Son Benjamin Brandon Executors of this my last will and testament hereby Revoking and Rescinding all former and other Wills Testaments Bequests and Executors by me in any manner of ways before this time made Wills Bequeathed Demised or appointed Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament.

Signed sealed published
pronounced and declared
by the said James Brandon
as his last will and Testament
in presence of us the subscribing
Witnesses.

Isaac Hughey
Henry Hughey
Saml Young

James Brandon Seal

In the name of God Amen the 26 day of Septem^r in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five, David Baird of Rowan County in the state of North Carolina Being Sick and weak in but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto god and calling to mind the mortality of my Body and that it is appointed for men to die do make this my last Will and