

188 I also give and bequeath to my son Joseph one negro girl by the name of (Polly), her and furniture, and one hundred and fifty dollars, and an equal part of Stock

The remaining part of my Estate I had to my beloved wife Sally Bryant during her natural life, and then to be Equally divided amongst the above named Children, but those that have not etc. & their part of money and Stock, must be paid up first and in case any should die with a lawful issue, then in that case for it to be equally divided amongst the survivors to them & their heirs forever, and it is my wish for the negroes to be kept in the family

lastly) I appoint, William, Richard & Thomas, Executors for my whole estate, to manage as here in directed - I wish whomever I have heretofore set my hand and standing seal

July Mathews, Clerk

Thomas Mathews

Thomas Mathews

This endorsement was on the back of the will (viz)

1820 paid to son Joseph fifty dollars -

1824 Paid to Daughter Sally thirty dollars

Paid Sally Hampton on Corral mare of forty dollars

1823 Paid to Joseph Bryant 1 Bay mare of eighty dollars -

Stokes County, Tennessee term 1825

The foregoing is a true copy taken from the original will which is filed proven by J. Mathews -

W. Mathews
By the Court

Yachariah Branson's Will

I The name of God Amen, I Yachariah Branson of the County of Stokes in the State of North Carolina, being of Sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, do this 13th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four make and publish this my last will and testament, in the words following

I give and bequeath unto my wife Jane Branson, my home place, and all my household furniture and Stock with all farming tools during her life time or widowhood, until my son Daniel Branson, arrives at the age of twenty one years of age, and then if my said wife be a widow to have

and to be divided between her and my son Daniel, by a line running by North and South about half way between the two barns, giving Daniel the East part of the land, and my wife having the West part, the dwelling-house and one Barn, and at the death of my wife Jane, my son Daniel, to have her part of the said Land, and also as much Land of the place which I purchased of David Bryant to be added to the said home tract or well made for Daniel Branson two hundred acres in the whole, Also I give and bequeath to my two Daughters, Elizabeth Branson and Jane Branson, all the remaining part of the land which I purchased from Mr. Bryant, I have already given my son Joseph Branson one hundred and fifty acres of Land, and my son Eli one hundred acres, and my daughter Sarah wife of Enock Hutchings, fifty acres and made them heirs, also my daughter Hannah Branson fifty five and a half acres, my daughter Mary wife of Henry Morris, fifty five and a half acres, and my daughter Sally Branson fifty five and a half acres and made them heirs - Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Mahala Branson, forty acres of land here by the claim of the Marshall tract, also I give and bequeath to my sons Eli Branson and Daniel Branson my stock, with all the negroes of individuals, then unto belonging, to be equally parted and enjoyed by and between them three, Also at the death of my wife twenty dollars in cash to be paid to my daughter Elizabeth, to be paid by my Executors out of my estate, also I give and bequeath to my son Eli Branson one horse, saddle and bridle & feather bed and furniture, and to my son Daniel, one horse, saddle and bridle, feather bed and furniture, and one cow and calf, and if James King and Sanders King, shall pay to my Executors, one hundred and twenty dollars, on or before the first day of January next, that, then my Executors make them a deed to the land which I purchased of the Marshall of Stokes County & which was sold as the property of their father James King dead, and I hereby make and ordain my son Daniel Branson and George Pugh, son of Peter Pugh Executors of this my last will and testament - I witness whereof I the said Yachariah Branson, have, to this my last will and testament, set my hand and seal, the day and date first above written

Yachariah Branson
Signed sealed, published and declared by the said Yachariah Branson as his last will and testament in presence of us
O. Linville
Allen Wheeler
Stokes County, Tennessee term 1825
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