

WILL OF

ELI BRANSON

In the name of God Amen -

I Eli Branson One of his Majesty's Subjects of the King of Great Britain, now resident in the State of South Carolina and County of Abbeville, being in a low state of Health, but of sound mind and disposing Memory & Calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, my will and desire is that my Estate be disposed of in the following manner.

(Viz:)

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Keziah Branson all my personal Estate, including a negro woman Kate, during her widowhood and ~~her pleasure~~ ^{her pleasure}

but should she marry my will is that the negro woman Kate be the property of my youngest daughter Jerima Branson and all the other personal property be equally divided between my other three daughters Rebecca Jones, Mary Jones & Naomi Ward -

I give and bequeath unto my three oldest Sons John Branson, Daniel Branson and Thomas Branson Six hundred and thirty Six acres of Land lying in Newberry County on Indian Creek to be equally and fairly divided Between them -

I give unto my three eldest Daughters Rebecca Jones, Mary Jones & Naomi Ward Twenty Shillings each over and above what they have each now in possession - I give and bequeath unto my son Levi Branson Twenty Shillings

I give and bequeath unto my Son Eli Branson two hundred acres of Land whereon I now live he paying out of the Same forty pounds in four equal annual payments to my daughter Jerima Branson

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to be paid by my Son Eli as above directed, to be paid to my
said daughter when she comes of age or day of Marriage My will
and desire is that the above division of my Estate be made as
before directed after a final Settlement of my just debts And
lastly I do appoint my well beloved wife Keziah Branson and
Nathaniel Henderson Senior my sole Executrix & Executor hereby
revoking all former will or wills, Ratifying and confirming this
my last will and Testament - In witness whereof I have hereunto

Set my hand and Seal this thirtieth day of May in the year of
our Lord one thousand seven hundred And ninety Six and in the
Twentieth Year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United
States of America

Signed Sealed and

Eli Branson (Seal)

Acknowledges in the presence

of us

Julius Nichols Jun.^r
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Jeffrey Lively

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John Stevens

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I Eli Branson of the State of South Carolina & County of
Abbeville do make & Publish the following Codicil to the above

-- Whereas I am informed that my Grand Father Benjamin Burdett
of the State of Virginia left & willed to me some Estate which
I have never got into possession or enjoyed, So as to have it
in my power to dispose of, yet being willing that my Children
Should enjoy the same if recovered, do give and bequeath all
and every part of said Estate to John Branson Daniel Branson
Thomas Branson Levy Branson Eli Branson Rebekah Jones Mary
Jones Naomia Ward & Jerina Branson to be equally and fairly
devided amongst them as soon as recovered by my aforesaid
Executrix & Executor Reziah Branson & Nathaniel Henderson Senior

In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the
Thirty first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred and ninety six -

Signed Sealed and

Eli Branson (Seal)

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