

thence down said branch to Black water river for and during his natural life. I also give him three hundred dollars in cash and my negro man I ask to him and his heirs forever. Lastly, I give to my daughter in law Margaret Bowden all that part of my land and plantation whereupon she now lives and to have the same privilege she now has for and during her natural life or until she dies.

Further, I give to my three grand children Richard Bowden, James V. Bowden and George S. Bowden one hundred and fifty dollars in cash to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs forever. Lastly, I give and bequeath to my grand son Robert Stant all my land and plantation whereon I now live immediately after my death and also all the land that I have lent to Bartwell B. Bowden and Margaret Bowden at the death or at the marriage of Margaret Bowden as to the portion lent to her also my stile post, cap and worm, but should he die without a lawful heir of his own body, my desire is that my grand daughter Louisa Stant have the above named property that I give to Robert Stant at his death.

Further, I give to my grand daughter Louisa Stant two hundred dollars in cash to her and her heirs forever. Also one feather bed and furniture of her choice.

Lastly, I give all the balance of my estate not heretofore mentioned after paying my just debts to my grand children Robert Stant and Louisa Stant to be equally divided between them but if either of them should die without a lawful heir of their own body, my desire is that the surviving have the property given to both in this clause of my will.

I nominate and appoint John Stant my Executor to this my last will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this day and date first written.

In presence of

Allen Edwards
Wm. L. Stephenson

William Bowden

At a court held for the County of Southampton, the 15th day of December 1848.

The last will and testament of William Bowden dec^d was this day produced to the Court & proved by the oaths of Allen Edwards & Wm. L. Stephenson the two subscribing witnesses thereto and sworn to be true. And thereupon John Stant, the executor therein named came into Court and requested to take upon himself the burden of the execution thereof, and on the motion of Allen Edwards who swore with and gave bond and security according to Law. Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of the said William Bowden dec^d with the will annexed in due form.

Teste, A. R. Edwards, C. C.

Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Nancy Branch dec^d taken by George H. Griffin, Wm. R. Stephenson and James Williams, on the 21st day of Decem^r 1848, for Maria A. Branch Executrix

1 Feather Bed & furniture

1 Trunk

1 Large looking Glass

12 00

2 50

4 00

18 50

Personally appeared before me Wm. R. Stephenson, G. H. Griffin and James Williams and qualified to the above appraisement Decem^r 28th 1849.

Wm. J. Ford, J. P.

We the undersigned do hereby certify that we have appraised the above Est.