

dispos. of both real and personal provided she survives and leaves child or child at her death, if she should die and leave no child it is my desire for it to go to my granddaughter Virginia E. Reese, if she dies and leave no child it is my desire that all the property both real and personal be sold and the money divided among my servants by two or three good men that will do them justice

These bonds I wish my friend P. D. Dope to take and manage for Betty Reese that is to let her have the money along as she needs it, if she dies and have no heir let to go back to Sarah Ann

Elijah Porter Seal

Elijah Porter.

A Court held for the County of Southampton, May 17th, 1855.
Two Wills, the one bearing date February 16th, 1855, and the other without date purporting to be the last will and testament of Elijah Porter dec'd were presented and there being no subscribing witnesses thereto, Benjamin E. Dope and Nathaniel J. Francis being sworn, depose and say, that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of said Elijah Porter dec'd. Whereupon the said writings were ordered to be read as the true last will and testament of Elijah Porter dec'd. And on the motion of Wm. S. Francis who made oath and together with Nathaniel J. Francis, his security (who justified on oath as to their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged above in the penalty of Twenty five hundred dollars conditioned according to Law, Certificate is granted to said Wm. S. Francis for obtaining letters of Administration on the estate of said Elijah Porter dec'd with their will annexed in due form.

Teste,

L. Edwards, C. C.

I, Jesse Branch (Jr) of the County of Southampton being weak of body but of sound mind & memory do make this to be my last will and testament in form and manner following:

1st I wish all my just debts & funeral expenses paid.

2nd I give to my wife Fanny Branch nee bid, one hundred pounds lawm and two barrels corn, to her & her heirs forever.

3rd I give to my daughter Emily, a slave belonging to Mr. Wagoner as bed & in chest to her & her heirs forever.

4th I give to my daughter Lucy a slave belonging to Mr. Banot 1 chest to her & her heirs forever.

5th I give all the balance of my property of every sort & kind both real & personal to Julian J. Branch to him & his heirs forever with this special agreement that he shall not sell the land but keep but keep it in possession of himself & his family during their lives.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint my friend Julian J. Branch Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other and former wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 3rd day of May 1857

Jesse Branch
Signed Sealed and
acknowledged
the last will & testa-

Jesse Branch his Seal