

Thos B. Worrell one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto, and William W. Cutler and John Hargrave the other Subscribing thereto being dead Thomas B. Worrell testified that the said Cutler and Hargrave subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in his presence and in the presence and at the request of the testator. Whereupon it is ordered that the said will be recorded. And John Hargrave one of the Executors named therein being dead and Thomas B. Worrell the other Executor appeared in Court and refused to take upon himself the burden of the execution thereof. On the motion of Samuel Vick who made oath and together with Elbert C. Ferguson & Thomas B. Worrell his Sureties (who justified on oath as to their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of two hundred dollars conditioned according to law - which bond having a stamp of the internal revenue of the United States of the amount of one dollar affixed thereto is ordered to be recorded - Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of the said Matilda Bryant with her said will annexed in due form - a stamp of the internal revenue of the United States of the amount of one dollar being affixed hereto -

Teste

L. R. Edwards Clk

I Jonathan T. Britt of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say. First, that my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts hereover and to whomsoever owing out of the first moneys that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

2. I loan to my beloved wife Margaret, for and during the term of her natural life the tract of land whereon I now reside, containing about two hundred and seventeen (217) acres, also my horse, stock of cattle, hogs, provisions of all kinds, carts, wheels, ploughs, tools, household & kitchen furniture, in fact, every thing that may be on the farm at my death to be held together and managed by my son James E. Britt for the support of my said beloved giving him every thing that he may make over and above her support during her life on said property -

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my son James E. Britt one tract of land lying in the County of Hertford State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Joshua Ferguson and others containing one hundred and twenty acres, more or less to him and his heirs forever. It is my will that said James E. Britt shall pay over to my son William B. Britt the sum of two hundred & fifty dollars to make him equal in said tract of land -

Item 4. I give and bequeath to my oldest daughter Louisa Jackson the sum of one dollar to her and her heirs forever -

Item 5. It is my will and desire that the tract of land and all the other property that I have loaned to my wife and mentioned in Item 2^d, after her death shall be sold and equally divided between my following named children viz. Henry M. Britt