

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 19th day of Decemr. 1815 the last will and Testament of Mary Branch dec^d. having been proved in the State of North Carolina and County of Northampton as appears by a Certificate under the hand of the clerk of sd County and ordered to be Recorded and in the matter of Byrd Sumner whom also according to law for the administration with the will annexed the same granted him on giving bond & seal

Sam^r Wells
Clerk

Francis Branch will-

In the name of God Amen. I Francis Branch of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of sound memory and understanding do make and Ordain this to be my last will and Testament -

First I to my wife and desire that my just Debts and Sum was referred to be discharged and p^d by my Executors hereafter named -

I give and bequeath unto my Loving wife Mary Branch one third of all my Land and my Negroes known by the name of Rachel, Ben. Winney and Solomon two bags and furniture and all the remainder of my ~~House~~ ^{House} hold and Kitchen Furniture, not hereafter given away and three Horses of her Choice and fifteen head of Cattle and all my sheep and Hogs, to her and her disposal forever -

I give and bequeath unto my son James Branch all the lands and plantations where on I now live and all my Land in this County and my negro boy named Bob one Sarel Felly and one bag and furniture -

I give and bequeath to my daughter Christian the sum of Fifty pounds Virginia currency to her and her heirs forever -

I give and bequeath to ^{all} my Children here after named (Viz.) Mary, Washing - ton, James, Rebecca, Sally, and Christian all the remaining part of my Property of every kind not hereto fore given away to be equally divided amongst all my above mentioned Children -

It is my will and desire that none of my negroes be moved off the Plantation but as the Children marry and settle to themselves I nominate and appoint my living wife Mary Branch my Executors and Benj. Branch & Isaac Parker my Executors to this my last will and Testament I do hereby ratify all former wills &c. For my heirs whatso ever and constitute this my only sole and last will & Testament In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 13th day of Decemr. 1799 -

Witness
Willis Bridges
Catharine ^{his} Bridges
marrie

Francis Branch