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(1) * John Branch = Elizabeth Seaward.
(d: c. 1721)

5 generations of descendants to c 1850+?

(2) Stephen Branch = Margaret Tempers, m: 1752
2 generations - to c 1797?

(3) * John Branch = Elizabeth Seaward.
* see also over page -

These pedigrees are accompanied by various notes &
of references -

State of North Carolina
Franklin County
November 1853, personally appeared before
me John G. Leonard one of the acting justices
of the Peace for the County and state afor said
Mrs Elizabeth Long and Mrs Ann Thomas -
who being first duly sworn according to Law
doth on their oath certify that they were it and
witnessed the Marriage of Elizabeth Branch,
formerly Elizabeth Norwood, and Col. John
- Branch of Halifax County North Carolina, which
Marriage took place in the County of Franklin
North Carolina on or about the 14th day of May,
1800. and they further certify that the said
Elizabeth Branch who made the foregoing
declaration is indentically the same person
and present widow of the said Col. John
- Branch therein mentioned, and they further
certify that the said Elizabeth Branch has
never married since the death of her said
Husband Col. John Branch but now she
is a widow residing in the County of Franklin
North Carolina, the day and date above
written

with

John G. Leonard J.P.

Elizabeth Long

Ann Thomas

Sworn to and subscribed before me and
I do hereby certify that the said Mrs Elizabeth
Long and Mrs Ann Thomas are Ladies of
High Respectability and entitled to full
Credit and that they both reside in the Town
of Lenoir Franklin County North Carolina

John G. Leonard J.P.

State of North Carolina

Franklin County - } This the ninth day of

December Anno Domini one thousand Eight hundred
and fifty personally appeared before me an acting
Justice of the peace in and for the County and State
aforesaid Elizabeth Long and Ann Thomas who
being duly sworn according to Law, declares
that they were at and attended the Marriage of
John Branch and Elizabeth Norwood which took
place in the month of May Anno Domini one
thousand eight hundred at the Residence of John
Norwood in the County of Franklin aforesaid who
was the Father of the said Elizabeth Norwood
and the said Elizabeth Long and Ann Thomas
do further declare that the said John Branch
was called and known as Colonel John Branch
of Halifax County and State aforesaid and
the said Elizabeth Long further declared that
she was frequently with the said John Branch
and Elizabeth his wife after their Marriage
at the house of the said John Norwood and also
at the house of John Thomas who was the father
of the said Elizabeth Long and the said Ann
Thomas further declared that she was with the
said John Branch and Elizabeth his wife at the
house of the said John Norwood on a dining oc-
-casion after their Marriage and the said Elizabeth
Long and the said Ann Thomas do further declare
that the Marriage Ceremony of the said John Branch
and Elizabeth Norwood was performed in their
presence by William Lancaster a Baptist
Minister.

Elizabeth Long
Ann Thomas

Sworn and Subscribed before me, and I certify that
the aforesaid Elizabeth Long and Ann Thomas are

Louisburg Jan-1st 1851

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a letter which I rec^d. Since my return home from Mr. Hickham of Raleigh the date of the payments to my father are different from those stated in the Comptroller's certificate now before the Committee on revolutionary pensions, and therefore I think additional evidence of the equity of the claim as it shows a longer time of service. If you think it would have any influence you could show it to the Members of the Committee do as you think best, I wish you to return the letter as it may be of use to my Mother hereafter (in case)

Very respectfully your
Friend and ob^d serv^t
Wm. J. Branch

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Internal Revenue Service,
Fifth District of Tennessee,
Collector's Office,

Nashville, Tenn. June 25 1894

U. S. Pension Office,
Washington, D. C.

Will you kindly give me information concerning the record of one John Brauch, said to have been an officer, I think a Colonel of Infantry or Cavalry, in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war.

I am a step-son of John Brauch, at one time Gov. of North Carolina, U. S. Senator, and Secty. of the Navy under Andrew Jackson, and in common with some of his grand children, desire to obtain the

official record of his father
John Brauek, said to have
been a Colonel (N.C. troops
I suppose) in the Con-
tinental Army.

Major Geo. D. Paine of the
War Dept informs me that
all records were lost in
that Dept in the burning of
Same in 1814, and refers
me to the Pension Office
as probably able to assist
me in the matter.

Your aid will be greatly
appreciated.

Yours very truly
Samuel Bond
Deputy Collector Int Rev.
Nashville, Tenn.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

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In reply to your request for a statement of the military history of John Branch ⁷⁶⁵⁹²⁻⁵ a soldier of the Revolutionary war, you will please find below the desired information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pension on file in this Bureau.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
<i>The Widow's pension was allow for her husband's service as a Col. in the M. C. troops; and the details of his service were not given.</i>					

Battles engaged in, *none stated*
 Residence of soldier at enlistment, *Halifax Co., N. C.*
 Date of application for pension, *by widow Nov. 15, 1853*
 Residence at date of application, *of widow Franklin Co., N. C.*
 Age at date of application, *of widow 83 years.*

Remarks: *The officer married Elizabeth Perrow in May, 1800 & died Mar. 14, 1806.*

Very respectfully,

*Daniel Bond, Esq.,
 Dep. Collector Internal Revenue,
 Nashville, Tenn.*

Commissioner.

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Branch, John
Elizabeth

W. 5925
B.L.N. 11,170-160-55

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Carolina J.
Elizabeth Branch
widow of John Branch
who served in the Revolutionary
war, as a *Sergeant*

U.S. Branch Oct 3/56
Wm J Branch May 11, 1857

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
\$65.00 Dollars 70.
Cents per annum, to commence on
the 3d February, 1853.

Certificate of Pension issued the
7th day of November 1853
and sent to

Wm J Branch
Carroll County, Md

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act
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1st of 11 March 1855

Elizabeth Bridget Minton
Col John B. Minton

Was in the Revolutionary
War in the British Army
during the American
War of Independence

1776

1776
War of Independence
during the American
War of Independence

1776

The following has been read and approved
by the Board of Directors

Resolved that the Board of Directors
do hereby authorize the President
to execute all such contracts and
to do all such things as may be
necessary and proper to carry out
the purposes of this corporation

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day
of January 1908 at New York
City

James D. [Name]
President

State of New York
County of [Name]
I, the undersigned, a Notary Public
for the State of New York, do hereby
certify that the foregoing is a true
and correct copy of the minutes
of the Board of Directors of the
[Name] Corporation, as the same
appear in the minutes of the
said Board of Directors, and that
the same were read and approved
by the said Board of Directors
on the [Date] day of [Month],
1908, at a meeting of the said
Board of Directors, held at the
office of the said Corporation,
situated at [Address], in the
City of New York, New York.

State of North Carolina,
Franklin County,

On this the Twentieth
day of November in the year of our Lord 1853
personally appeared before me Joseph S. Jones one
of the Acting Justices of the Peace for the County
of Franklin and State aforesaid Mrs. Elizabeth
Branch of the said County and State, aged Eighty-
three years and seven months who being first
duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath
make the following declaration in order to obtain
the benefits of the provision made by the Act of
Congress passed on the Third of February A.D.
1853 granting Pensions to widows of persons
who served during the Revolutionary War, to wit,
That she is the Widow of John Branch who
was a Colonel in the Revolutionary War of the
Militia from the County of Halifax North
Carolina. She further declares that she was
married to the said Colonel John Branch in
the Month of March A.D. 1800 the Thirtieth on
the 14th day thereof, which marriage took place
in the County of Franklin North Carolina. She further
declares that her said husband died at his residence
Call Marsh in the County of Halifax North
Carolina on the 14th of March A.D. 1806. That
she was not married to him prior to the second
of January A.D. 1800 but at the time above stated.
She further declares that she is now a Widow.

Witness

W. J. Johnson

Elizabeth Branch

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and
year above written before me and I do.

Know all men by these presents that we John
Branch Treasurer of the same are held jointly bound
unto the Governor of the State of North Carolina
in the sum of Five hundred Dollars current money
to pay on or before the 1st day of July to be made with
him or his assigns our three hundred & 50 Dollars to be
paid in full for the same but if at the time the same shall be
unavailable by reason of any default or impediment to obtain
the same we do hereby bind ourselves and our assigns
to pay the same on or before the 1st day of July 1850
at the City of Raleigh

John Branch Treasurer
John Branch Secretary

State of North Carolina
County of Franklin
I, Henry Patterson
Judge of the Peace for said County and under sessions
within and for the County of Franklin in the County of
Franklin do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy
of a certain deed of gift by John Branch and
John Branch his wife to the same John Branch
Judge of the Peace for said County and under sessions
in my office

Given under my hand and seal
of office at the office of the
Judge of the Peace for said County
the 1st day of December 1850

Henry Patterson
Judge of the Peace for said County

State of North Carolina
County of Franklin
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, December
Term A. D. 1850.

On this the second Monday of December,
being the ninth day of the month, in the
Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
and fifty, personally appeared before the Justice

State of North Carolina
Franklin County - J. Henry Patterson
Deputy for the County of Franklin

19. Patterson 668

of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
in and for the County of Franklin, North Carolina
of the State of North Carolina in the County
of Franklin, says Eight years and long duly
before according to show both in his office
making the returning election in
order to obtain the benefit of the provisions
made by the act of Congress passed the 29th
of July 1848. that he has within the last
of John French who was a defendant in the
Matters of North Carolina and West from
the County of Washington and that the
North Carolina in the Revolutionary War
the further claims that the was intended
to the said John French or in the
French's day of May our thousand eight
hundred that he had been in
informed John French died in the
day of March some some one thousand
eight hundred and six that the was not
intended to him prior to his leaving the
but that the necessary took place at the
last then state the further claims that this
was a witness and that she has never before
made any application for a partition, she
further claims that she is jointly
sever of the messuage, or of the estate of
her said husband John French, whom
and interested in other Court
attest
J. Henry Patterson
Deputy for the County of Franklin

O. W. & N. Division.

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BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

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Very respectfully,

Samuel Bond, Comr.
Dept. Collector Internal Revenue
Nashville, Tenn.

Commissioner.

I, Elizabeth Branch of the County of Franklin and State of North Carolina (widow of the late Col. John Branch of the County of Halifax and State aforesaid) being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do, on this the 22^d day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight (1858) make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner & form following; To wit, -

First, - I give and bequeath unto my Grand-son, Gideon B. Alston, son of my Daughter Eliza Burge, formerly Eliza Alston, the following negroes and their increase from the date of this Will; Namely; - Henderson, Jordan, John, Lavinia, Jane & Child Lavinia, Lily, Anna, Nancy, Franklin, Lucy, Louisiana, William and Dodridge, in special Trust and Confidence nevertheless for the following purposes; To wit, - The said Gideon B. Alston shall hold, keep, use and apply the said Negroes, for the sole and separate use, support and benefit of my Daughter Eliza Burge, during her life, free from any debt or debts, and independent of the control or interference of, her present husband, William Burge, or of any husband that she may hereafter have; My said Daughter during her life is to possess and enjoy the services of said Negroes, or to have the hires and profits of them; to her sole, separate and exclusive use and benefit, free from the debts & control of her present, or any future husband, as aforesaid. I hereby empower the said Gideon B. Alston, at the request of my Daughter, Eliza Burge (if she and the said Gid. B. Alston shall think it best) to sell, exchange or make other disposition of the negroes above named, or of any of them, and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the purchase of other property, or to reinvest the same in safe funds, as the said Gideon B. Alston shall deem advisable; - All such property so purchased, or reinvested or exchanged for, shall be held by the said Gid. B. Alston for the uses & Trusts above declared in this Clause of my Will; - and all surplus profits arising from the hires of said Negroes, or other property or funds for which they may be exchanged, shall, at the request of my Daughter, be invested in such funds as she and the said G. B. Alston shall think best, and be held by the said Alston, subject to the same Trusts aforesaid. It is my Will, that at the death of my Daughter, Eliza Burge, all the property aforesaid, and the increase and

accumulations thereof, that may then be in the hands of the said Gideon B. Alston, shall be divided equally (with the exceptions hereinafter named) between the children of my said Daughter, Eliza BERGE, then living and the issue of any child that may die during the life of my said Daughter, (the issue of such deceased child to represent the parent and to take only such parent's part) and should any of her children die, without issue living at the death of my said Daughter, the share of such child, shall go to the survivor or survivors - The exceptions above alluded to are these; First: - After the death of my Daughter Eliza, I give and bequeath to my Grandson, Gid. B. Alston, his heirs and assigns, the Negro woman Lavinia, above named, and her increase from this date, over and above his equal share of said property, to have and to hold to his own use and benefit; and; - Second; I give unto my Grandson, Washington BERGE, three hundred dollars (\$300.) to be raised out of said property, over and above his equal share of the same, to be paid over to him out of the said property by Gideon B. Alston when the said Washington BERGE shall attain the age of twenty-one years -

Second; - I give and bequeath unto my Grand-son Gid. B. Alston, in Trust for the sole & separate use and benefit of my Daughter, Eliza BERGE, the following articles, namely; The Bed on which I commonly lie, the Bed-stead and its furniture, my locked Chest and its contents, (except money, if there shall be any in it, or notes & bonds and other papers,) my Loom & weaving Warped & Sley, & my Store Scales & Weights.

Third; - I give and bequeath unto my Son, William J. Branch, his heirs and assigns forever, the following Negroes and their increase from the date of this Will; To wit; - Jacob, Warren (son of Nixy) Isaac, Simon, Nixy, Cornelia, Fanny, Caroline, Rosanna, Henry, Clary and Matilda,

Fourth; - I give and bequeath unto Jos. J. Davis the following Negroes and their increase from the date of this Will; to wit; - Jefe, Jackson, Robert, Benjamin, Edmond, Martha, Mary, Lucinda, Rody-Jane, Melissa and Warren (son of Lucy), in special Trust and confidence nevertheless that the said Jos. J. Davis, shall hold, keep, use and apply the said Negroes, for the use and benefit of my Son, Washington Branch and his children during the life of the said Washington Branch, The said Washington Branch is to have the

shares & profits of said Negroes for the benefit of himself and the use, support & education of his children (as well those which he may hereafter have as those which he now has) ~~offering~~ his life, the said Negroes are to be managed, hired out or worked on the Farm, as my said son Washington and the said Jos. J. Davis may think best. At the death of my son Washington Branch, I give and bequeath said Negroes and their increase, and all profits that may be on hand arising from the same, to the children of the said Washington Branch that may be then living, and the issue of any child or children that may ~~die~~ during the life of my said son, (which issue to represent the parent and take only the parent's share) and should any of said children die without issue, the portion of such child or children is to go to the survivor or survivors;

Fifth; - I give and bequeath all the Pension Money to which I may be entitled at my death, to my sons, William J. Branch, Washington Branch and my Grand son, G. B. Alston, to be equally divided between them; the said G. B. Alston is to hold the share that may fall to him, for the use and benefit of my daughter, Eliza Burge, to be used for the comfort of my said daughter as she and the said G. B. Alston may think best.

Sixth; - Whereas my son William J. Branch did on the 10th day of February 1845, purchase at the Sale of Kemp Plummer, Trustee of William Burge, of the County of Warren, the land whereon G. B. Alston now lives and other property for the use and benefit of my Grand children, Hannah Cook and Gid. B. Alston, children of my daughter Eliza Burge, to the amount of Eleven hundred and eighty-eight ²⁷/₁₀₀ dollars (\$1188.25); now if the said Gideon B. Alston & Hannah Cook, shall fail to pay to the said William J. Branch, any fees, damages or costs, that he may sustain (should any be sustained by him) by reason of any suit or suits, in Law or Equity, affecting said property, then and in that event, it is my Will, and I hereby direct, that my Executors sell so much of the property, disposed of in the first clause of this Will, in Trust for my daughter Eliza, as may be necessary, to pay all such fees, costs or damages, as may be incurred by the said William J. Branch on account of any such suit or suits.

Seventh; - After paying all my just debts, I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my property and Estate of every description, to my son, Washington Branch, his heirs and assigns forever.

Eighth; - I nominate, constitute and appoint, my sons, Washington Branch and William J. Branch, Executors to this my last Will and Testament, to execute the same according to the true intent and meaning thereof -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
the 22nd day of April A.D., 1858

Elizabeth Branch Seal

Signed, sealed, published & declared
by Elizabeth Branch, to be her last
Will & Testament, in our presence, who in
her presence & at her request subscribe
our names hereto as witnesses -

Joseph J. Jones
James J. DeLeon

I Elizabeth Branch do Make and establish this as
a codicil to the foregoing will, to wit, I hereby withdraw
a Negro Girl named Rody Jane (mentioned in the
4th Clause of said will, and given to Jos J Davis in
trust) and I do hereby give and bequeath said Negro
Girl Jane to my son William J Branch his heirs
and assigns forever witness my hand and seal
this the 5th day of March 1859

Witness
Joseph J. Jones
James J. DeLeon

Elizabeth Branch Seal

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I, Elizabeth Branch of the County of Franklin and State of North Carolina (widow of the late Col. John Branch of the County of Halifax and State aforesaid) being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do, on this the 22nd day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight (1858) make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner & form following; to wit;—

First;— I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son, Gideon B. Alston, Son of my Daughter Eliza Burge, formerly Eliza Alston, the following negroes and their increase from the date of this Will; namely;— Henderson, Jordan, John, Lavinia, Jane & Child Lavinia, Selvy, Anna, Nancy, Franklin, Lucy, Louisiana, William and Dodridge; in Special Trust and Confidence nevertheless for the following purposes, to wit;— The said Gideon B. Alston shall hold, keep, use and apply the said Negroes, for the sole and separate use, support and benefit of my Daughter Eliza Burge, during her life, free from any debt or debts, and independent of the control or interference of, her present husband, William Burge, or of any husband that she may hereafter have; My said Daughter during her life is to possess and enjoy the services of said Slaves, or to have the hires and profits of them, to her sole, separate and exclusive use and benefit, free from the debts & control of her present, or any future husband, as aforesaid. I hereby empower the said Gideon B. Alston, at the request of my Daughter, Eliza Burge (if she and the said Gid. B. Alston shall think it best) to sell, exchange or make other disposition of the negroes above named, or of any of them, and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the purchase of other property, or to reinvest the same in safe funds, as the said Gideon B. Alston shall deem advisable;— All such property so purchased, or reinvested or exchanged for, shall be held by the said Gid. B. Alston for the uses & Trusts above declared in this Clause of my Will;— and all surplus profits arising from the hires of said Negroes, or other property or funds for which they may be exchanged, shall, at the request of my Daughter, be invested in such funds as she and the said G. B. Alston shall think best, and be held by the said Alston, subject to the same Trusts aforesaid. It is my Will, that at the death of my Daughter, Eliza Burge, all the property aforesaid, and the increase and

accumulations thereof, that may then be in the hands of the said Gideon B. Alston, shall be divided equally (with the exceptions hereinafter named) between the children of my said Daughter, Eliza Burge, then living and the issue of any child that may die during the life of my said Daughter, (the issue of such deceased child to represent the parent and to take only such parent's part) and should any of her children die, without issue living at the death of my said Daughter, the share of such child, shall go to the survivor or survivors - The exceptions above alluded to are these; First; - After the death of my Daughter Eliza, I give and bequeath to my Grandson, Gid. B. Alston, his heirs and assigns, the negro woman Lavinia, above named, and her increase from this date, over and above his equal share of said property, to have and to hold to his own use and benefit; and; - Second; I give unto my Grandson, Washington Burge, three hundred dollars (\$300) to be raised out of said property, over and above his equal share of the same, to be paid over to him out of the said property by Gideon B. Alston when the said Washington Burge shall attain the age of twenty-one years -

Second; - I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Gid. B. Alston, in Trust for the sole & separate use and benefit of my Daughter, Eliza Burge, the following Articles, namely; The Bed on which I commonly lie, the Bedstead and its furniture, my locked Chest and its contents, (except money, if there shall be any in it, or notes & bonds and other papers,) my Loom & weaving Warneft & sley & my Store Scales & Weights.

Third; - I give and bequeath unto my son, William J. Branch, his heirs and assigns forever, the following Negroes and their increase from the date of this Will; To wit; - Jacob, Warren (son of Nixy) Isaac, Simon, Nixy, Cornelia, Fanny, Caroline, Rosina, Henry, Clancy and Matilda,

Fourth; - I give and bequeath unto Jos. J. Davis the following Negroes and their increase from the date of this Will; to wit; - Jefe, Jackson, Robert, Benjamin, Edmond, Martha, Mary, Lucinda, Rody Jane, Melissa and Warren (son of Lucy), in Special Trust and Confidence nevertheless that the said Jos. J. Davis, shall hold, keep, use and apply the said Negroes, for the use and benefit of my son, Washington Branch and his children during the life of the said Washington Branch, The said Washington Branch is to have the

Slaves & profits of said Negroes for the benefit of himself and the use, support & education of his children (as well those which he may hereafter have as those which he now has) during his life, The said Negroes are to be managed, hired out or worked on the Farm, as my said son Washington and the said Jos. J. Davis may think best, At the death of my son Washington Branch, I give and bequeath said Negroes and their increase, and all profits that may be on hand arising from the same, to the children of the said Washington Branch that may be then living, and the issue of any child or children that may die during the life of my said son, (which issue to represent the parent and take only the parent's share) and should any of said children die without issue, the portion of such child or children is to go to the survivor or survivors; -

Fifth; - I give and bequeath all the Pension Money to which I may be entitled at my death, to my sons, William J. Branch, Washington Branch and my Grand-son, G. B. Alston, to be equally divided between them; the said G. B. Alston is to hold the share that may fall to him, for the use and benefit of my Daughter, Eliza Burge, to be used for the comfort of my said Daughter as she and the said G. B. Alston may think best.

Sixth; - Whereas my son William J. Branch did on the 10th day of February 1845, purchase at the Sale of Kemp Plummer, Trustee of William Burge, of the County of Warren, the land whereon G. B. Alston now lives and other property for the use and benefit of my Grand-children, Hannah Cook and Gid. B. Alston, children of my Daughter Eliza Burge, to the amount of Eleven hundred and eighty-eight ²⁴/₁₀₀ dollars (\$1188.25); now if the said Gideon B. Alston & Hannah Cook, shall fail to pay to the said William J. Branch, any loss, damages or costs, that he may sustain (should any be sustained by him) by reason of any suit or suits, in Law or Equity, affecting said property, then and in that event, it is my Will, and I hereby direct, that my Executors sell so much of the property, disposed of in the first clause of this Will, in Trust for my Daughter Eliza, as may be necessary, to pay all such losses, costs or damages, as may be incurred by the said William J. Branch on account of any such suit or suits.

Seventh; - After paying all my just debts, I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my property and Estate of every description, to my son, Washington Branch, his heirs and assigns forever.

Eighth; - I nominate, constitute and appoint, my sons, Washington Branch and William J. Branch, Executors to this my last Will and Testament, to execute the same according to the true intent and meaning thereof -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
the 22nd day of April A.D., 1858

Elizabeth Branch *(Seal)*

Signed, sealed, published & declared
by Elizabeth Branch, to be her last
Will & Testament, in our presence, who in
her presence & at her request subscribe
our names hereto as witnesses -

Joseph J. Jones
James A. Debram

I Elizabeth Branch do Make and establish this as
a codicil to the foregoing will, to wit, I hereby withdraw
a Negro Girl named Nody Jane (mentioned in the
4th Clause of said will) and Give to Jas J Davis in
trust, and I do hereby Give and bequeath said Negro
Girl Jane to my son William J Branch his heirs
and assigns forever witness my hand and seal
this the 5th Day of March 1859

Witness

Joseph J. Jones
James A. Debram

Elizabeth Branch *(Seal)*

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

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Persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

June 17th 1857

Washington Branch
Wm G Branch (Ex'r.)

I hereby Certify that I have given a copy of the within
advertisement sticking up at the Court house and
at two or more public places in the County of
Franklin sworn and subscribed to before me
this the 12th of Sept 1859

P. J. Brown J. P.

J. W. Davis

J. P.

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J. J. Davis
J. P.

The following is an inventory of the property
of Elizabeth Branch deceased taken by
Washington & Branch Executors

Negroes

Henderson	Jessy	Hixey
Fordan	Jackson	Warren son of Hixey
Johu	Robert	Isaac
Lavinia	Benjamin	Simon
Fane	Edmond	Fanny
Lavinia, Fane's Child	Martha	Carolen & Infant
Sily	Mary	Rosena
Anna	Lucinda	Claney
Naney	Melissa	Matila
Franklin	Warren son of Jessy	Henry
Louisiana		Rhoda Jane
William		
Doddrige		

3 Mules
16 Head of Cattle
1 yoke oxen
37 Hogs
17 Sheep
1 Oxcart
1 Carriage & Harness
1 Grindstone
2 Cradles & Sythes
Farming Tools
15 Barrels Corn
10 Bu. Wheat
8 Stacks Fodder
50 lbs. Bacon
30 lbs. Cotton
1/2 Bar. Sugar
10 gal. Molasses
Household Furniture
Kitchen Furniture
Crockery & Glass &c.
3 Chests

1 Flax Wheel
Poultry
6 Beds & Furniture
" Bedsteads
1 Coy. Chairs
6 Tables
1 Pine Safe
1 China Press
1 Desk & Bookcase
2 Looking glasses
2 Brass Candlesticks
1 pr Shovel & Tongs
3 pr Fire Dogs
1/2 doz Fans
4 Waiters
1 sett Knives & forks
1 Teasett
2 Tin wash Basins
1 Fan Mill
One hundred dollars in money

Washington Branch

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3 Miles
 16 Head of Cattle
 1 yoke Oxen
 37 Hogs
 17 sheep
 1 Chest
 1 Cartwage & Harnes
 1 grindstone
 2 Cradles & Siftes
 Farming Tools
 15 Barrels Corn
 10 Bar Wheat
 8 Stacks Fodder
 50 lbs Bacon
 30 lbs Cotton
 1/2 Bar Sugar
 10 gal Molasses
 Here several Furniture
 Kitchen Furniture
 (see Key Map &c)
 3 Chests
 1 Trunk & Harnes
 Sledge
 1 store of Weights
 1/2 Flat Iron
 2 spinning Wheels

1 Flax Wheel
 1 Crutty
 6 Beds & Furniture
 " Bedstead
 1 Dog Chain
 6 Sacks
 1 Olive Oyle
 1 China Dishes
 1 Oak & Beehive
 2 Tacking Glasse
 2 Knaps Canella sticks
 1 pr Shovel & Tongs
 3 pr Fire Dogs
 1/2 Bar Iron
 4 Water
 1 set Knives & Forks
 1 Seawall
 2 Sun Mark Barons
 1 Sun Mill
 One hundred Dollars in money
 Washington Branch
 The Friends

Fair
 Larina
 Dilly
 Anna
 Nancy
 Franklin
 Louisa
 William
 Delbridge

Edward
 Martha
 Mary
 Lucinda
 Melissa
 Warren
 Henry
 Richard
 Fanny
 Carolin
 Rebecca
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1 Carriage & Harness	1 Pine Safe
1 Grindstone	1 China Press
2 Cradles & Sythes	1 Desk & Bookcase
Farming Tools	2 Looking glasses
15 Barrels Corn	2 Nap Candle sticks
10 Bu Wheat	1 pr Shovel & Tongue
8 Stacks Fodder	3 pr Fire Dogs
500 lbs Bacon	1/2 doz Fans
30 lbs Cotton	4 Waiters
1/2 Bar Sugar	1 sett Knives & forks
10 gal Molasses	1 Teasett
Household Furniture	2 Tin Wash Basins
Kitchen Furniture	1 Fan Mill
Crockery Glass &c	One hundred dollars in money
3 Chests	

PLEASE WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. The correct age is especially important. Physicians: please write the causes of death clearly and legibly.

P. D. _____

Res. 1. Place of Death: Cabell
 (a) County Cabell
 (b) Magisterial District Huntington
 (c) City or town Huntington
 (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL and give town)
 (d) Address 837 - 9th and
 (Street address, hospital, or institution)
 (e) Length of stay in hospital or inst. (yrs., mos., or days) 7 days
 (f) Length of stay in this community (yrs., mos., or days) 63 yrs

2. Home (Usual Residence) of Deceased:
 (a) State Ind (b) County Cabell
 (c) City or town Huntington
 (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL and give town)
 (d) Street No. 837 - 9th and
 (If rural give location)
 (e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.? _____ years.

3 (a) Full Name Icy Maud Branch
 3 (b) If veteran, name war _____ (c) Social Security No. _____

Sex Female 5. Color or race white 6 (a) Single, married, widowed, or divorced married
 6 (b) Name of husband or wife William Branch 6 (c) If alive, give age 54 years

7. Birth date of deceased (mo., day, year) May 17 - 1894
 8. Age Years 51 Months 10 Days 27 If less than one day _____ hr. _____ min.

9. Birthplace Logan Co., W. Va.
 (Town, county, and state)
 10. Usual occupation sewerer
 11. Industry or business _____

12. Name Albert L. Christian
 13. Birthplace W. Va.
 14. Maiden Name Emma M. Bell
 15. Birthplace W. Va.

16 (a) Informant's signature Tom Branch
 (b) Address Huntington, W. Va.

17 (a) _____ (b) Date thereof 4-5-93
 (Burial, cremation, or removal) (month) (day) (year)
 (c) Cemetery or cremation location Edgemoor

18 (a) Funeral director (signature) Walter E. Kesler
 (b) Address Huntington, W. Va.
 Fr. Dir. License No. 176 Embalmers No. 417
 19 _____ 19 _____ Registrar Walter E. Kesler

20. Date of death 4-3-93 at 8 P M.
 21. I certify that death occurred on the date above stated; that I attended deceased from 4-2-93 to 4-3-93 and that I last saw him alive on 4-3-93
 Immediate cause of death Cerebral hemorrhage
 Due to massive
 Due to _____
 Other conditions hypertension
 (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)
 Major findings: Of operations none
 Of autopsy not done

22. If external causes contributed to the death fill in the following:
 (a) Accident, suicide, or homicide _____
 (b) Date of occurrence _____
 (c) Where did injury occur? _____ (City or town) _____ (County) _____ (State)
 (d) Did injury occur about home, on farm, industrial place, in public place? _____ While at work? _____ (Specify type of place)
 (e) Means of injury _____

23. Signature Walter E. Kesler
 M. D. or other _____
 Address Huntington, W. Va. Date signed 4/5/93

Duration 7 days
 Physician 3 years
 Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
CABELL COUNTY COMMISSION
CLERK'S OFFICE

I, BEN A. BAGBY, CLERK OF THE SAID COMMISSION, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE COPY, FROM THE RECORD OF MY OFFICE AFORESAID.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE COMMISSION AT HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA, THIS:

30th DAY OF May 1996

BEN A. BAGBY, CLERK
CABELL COUNTY COMMISSION

BY: Cheryl Starcher
DEPUTY CLERK

WILL OF JAMES M BRANCH

I James M Branch being now of sound mind and disposing memory do now make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows

Item 1st It is my will that after my death my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid

Item 2 I give and bequeath to my children viz viz Mary Kemper, Benjamin Branch, Turpin Romans, James Branch, John Branch, Edward Branch, Susan Branch and Harvy Branch each one dollar out of my estate and no more and I give to my grandson Robert Branch son of my son Robert and to the living children of my son William Branch one dollar each the reason for my doing this is the constant and continual bad treatment of my said children to me

Item 3 I give and bequeath to the children of my brother ~~A T~~ Branch? (excepting his second daughter Franny) and to the children and grandchildren of my deceased sister Martha Saterwhite viz John Saterwhite and the children of Fanny Knight who was a daughter of my sister Martha Saterwhite and the children of Mollie Walker who was also the daughter of my said sister Martha all the property that I may own (after paying my debts and legacies and funeral expenses) both real and personal share and share alike the children of Mollie Walker to have only one share that is as much as their mother would have if ~~deeded~~ ^{deeded} to her instead of her children

Item 4 It is my ~~devine~~ will that after my death all the property both real and personal be sold by my administrator he will sell the land in a credit of one and less years and he will dispose of the proceeds of sales (?) as above set forth I hereby revoke all former wills made by me this June 16th 1884

his

James X M Branch

mark

Attes

A J Bartlett

W P Maddox

J W McClain

W R Morgan

State of Kentucky

Trimble County Court April Term 1886

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James M Branch deceased was produced into open court and proven by the oaths of A J Bartlett, J W McClain and W R Morgan subscribing witnesses thereto and also by A W Bartlett and me said to be the last will and testament of said James M Branch and the (? ? ?) to be recorded as such to all of which Edmonia Beatty be objective and proper and approve to the circuit court which is granted

2 James M Branch being now of sound mind and disposing memory do now make this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows

Item 1st It is my will that after my death my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid

Item 2 I give and bequeath to my children viz viz Mary Kasper Benjamin Branch Turpin Roman James Branch John Branch Edmund Branch Susan Branch and Henry Branch each one dollar out of my estate and no more and I give to my Grand son Robt Branch son of my son Robert and to ^{the} his children of my son William Branch one dollar each the reason for my doing this is the constant and continued bad treatment of my sd children to me

Item 3 I give and bequeath to the children of my Mother Ad Branch (excepting his second daughter Fanny) and to the children and grand children of my best sister Martha Intervrite viz John Intervrite and the children of Fanny Knight who was a daughter of my sister Martha Intervrite and to the children of Willie Miller who was also the daughter of my sd sister Martha all the property that I may own (after paying my debts legacies and funeral expenses) both real and personal there and there alike the children of Willie Miller to have only one share that is as much as their Mother would

insufficiency of any But impregnated them
on matters where the one of G & A Abbott
and Daniel Morris have signed their names
this 20 day of July 1887 J G & A Abbott
Daniel Morris
By J W McLean atty
in fact

Francis Branch Plaintiff

vs Relinquishment of title by widow
The Administrator heirs and Successors
of James M Branch Decd S Deft
The Plaintiff Francis Branch as widow of
James M Branch Decedent hereby relinquishes
what was given her by the last will and Testament
of her husband James M Branch Decedent which
will was made as of June 16th 1884 was probated
in the Trimble County Court at the April Term
1886 of said Court and an appeal to the Trimble
Circuit Court ~~at the~~ was sustained in said Trimble
Circuit Court at the April Term 1887 of said Court
I relinquish all that was given me under said will
and renounce the provisions of said will
Attest John C. Francis Branch
her
widow

State of Kentucky
Trimble County B D Jones Clerk of the County Court
for said County do hereby certify that on this day the
aforesaid instrument of writing was presented to me
and when enlarged by Francis Branch party thereto
true her act and deed and the same is
with this certificate duly recorded in my
office this under my hand this 20 day
of July 1887
J W Jones Clerk

1887

Marriage bond of John M. Satterwhite and
Martha Branch

Know all men by these presents that we John M. Satterwhite
and Robert English are held and firmly bound unto the Common
wealth of Kentucky in the sum of fifty pounds the payment of
which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs,
executors and administrators jointly and severally by these presents
sealed and dated this 9th day of March 1831. The condition of
this obligation is such that a license hath issued from the Clerk's
Office of the Oldham County Court for the marriage of the said
John M. Satterwhite to Miss Martha Branch who is over the age
of twenty one years. Now if there shall be no lawful cause to
obstruct the marriage intended to be solemnized between the
parties aforesaid then this obligation to be void, else to remain
in full force and virtue.

Test for J. Berry C
R. K. 1

John M. Satterwhite
Robert English

Marriage bond & consent for Susan Hunter & Edward Branch

Know all men by these presents that we Edward Branch and
Burton Hunter are held and firmly bound unto
the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the penal sum of fifty-
pounds for the payment of which well and truly to be made good
to our said Commonwealth we and ourselves our heirs executors
and administrators jointly and severally by these presents
sealed with our seals and dated this 8th day of December 1828

The condition of this obligation is such that a license hath
this day issued from the Clerks office of the Oldham County
for the marriage of the above named Edward Branch to Miss
Susan Hunter daughter of Mr. William Hunter who sent a written
certificate of his consent thereto

Now if there should be no lawful cause to obstruct the mar-
riage intended to be solemnized between the parties afore said
then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full
force and virtue

Jur. Geo. J. Berry

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Edward Branch
Burton Hunter

This is to certify that I grant you leave to
have license to wed and marry for the marriage
of Miss Susan Hunter given under my
hand this the eight day of December 1828
Geo. J. Berry
Geo. W. Hunter

Know all men by these presents that we William C. English and Robert English are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the penal sum of fifty pounds for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally by these presents sealed and dated this 1st day of January 1828. The condition of this obligation is that a license hath this day issued from the Clerks office of the Oldham County Court for the marriage of the above named William C. English and Miss Obedience T. Branch who is over the age of 21 years - Now if there should be no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage intended to be solemnized between the parties aforesaid then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force.

Wm. C. & R. English

Wm. C. ^{his} English
mark

Robert English

Seal

Seal

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marriage bond of
William C. English and
Obedience T. Branch

ed BK
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Road, more, 332 to 304 poles to the beyond containing 100 Acre and
and fifty acres be the same more or less, and being the same tract
of land conveyed by John A. Baine wife to Squire Samuel Morris by
deed 15 March 1858, and recorded in the Trimble County Court Clerks
office in Deed book & page 232 & 233. To have and to hold Squire said land together
with all the appurtenances thereon unto him the Squire R. D. Morris
his heirs or assigns forever, with Covenant of General Warranty,
In testimony whereof Squire Samuel Morris wife have hereunto sub-
scribed their names date first written;

Squire, Morris
Nancy Morris

I accept the foregoing deed with conditions therein expressed, this
18th day of Feb 1869.

R. D. Morris

State of Kentucky & S
Trimble County

I W. H. Peak Clerk of the County Court for said county
do Certify that on the 17th day of September 1868 the foregoing Deed to
R. D. Morris, was produced to me in my County and acknowledged
by Samuel Morris and Nancy Morris his wife parties thereto to
be their act and deed, filed, and on the 18th day of February
1869, the same was accepted by R. D. Morris the grantee, and
said deed being stamped agreeable to an act of Congress,
together with this certificate have duly been recorded in
my office given under my hand this 19th day of February
1869.

W. H. Peak, Clerk

41 March
3 Deed
4 Branch
the said
relieved
4 July 1869

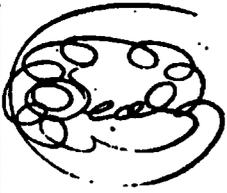
This Indenture made and entered into on the 20th day
of February 1869 between James M. Branch of the County
of Trimble and State of Kentucky of the first part
and Benjamin A. Branch of the County and State
aforesaid of the second part. Witnesseth, that the Squire
James M. Branch for and in consideration of one dollar
in hand paid and the further consideration, that this is
to be the full portion of all the effects of the Estate of
the said James M. Branch to the said Benjamin A.
Branch he the said Benjamin A. Branch receiving
the following described tract of land in full Satisfaction
of all or any part of the Estate of said James M. Branch
hereafter, the said James M. Branch for the above
consideration, doth grant, sell give and convey unto
the said Benjamin A. Branch all that tract or
parcel of land, lying on the waters of Middle and
in Trimble County, and bounded as follows
Beginning at a Stone and

From R Morgan on the North bank of Middle Creek, thence
 running South with the line across the hill to a Stone corner
 in a branch, and in the line with said Morgan, thence
 down the branch 13 poles thence as before to an Elm marked
 as a corner, thence west 60 poles thence or less a straight line
 to a Sugar tree and from each a corner in branch, thence
 down said branch to the mouth, thence to a Stone corner
 to John & Chandler on the North bank of Middle Creek,
 thence up said Creek to the Spring, containing thirty
 five acres more or less, together with all the appurten-
 ances thereunto belonging, to have and to hold the land
 hereby conveyed unto the said Benjamin A Branch
 his heirs and assigns forever, and the sd James M
 Branch for himself his heirs Executors and Adminis-
 trators the aforesaid tract of land and appurtenances
 unto the said Benjamin A Branch his heirs and
 assigns, against the Claim or Claims of all and every
 person or persons whatsoever doth and lawfully
 warrant and defend by these presents, Given under
 my hand this 20th February 1869.

W. H. Peak
 State of Kentucky
 Trimble County
 I, W. H. Peak Clerk of the County
 Court for said County do certify that on this day
 the foregoing deed to B. A. Branch was produced to me
 in my County and acknowledged by James M. Branch
 as party thereto to be his act and deed & filed, and
 said deed being stamped agreeable to an act of
 Congress, hath together with this Certificate been
 duly recorded in my office, Given under my
 hand this 22nd day of February 1869.
 W. H. Peak, Clerk

This Indenture made and entered into this 4th day
 of February A. D. One thousand Eight hundred and
 Sixty Nine, between Theresa Ball (formerly Theresa Bea-
 chaman) and Robert Ball her husband of the City
 of Madison County of Jefferson and State of Indiana
 of the first part, and Minor Horton of the County
 of Trimble and State of Kentucky of the second part

1 Bull 80
 3. Dec
 Horton
 released 22nd
 Feb 1869
 W. H. Peak



In witness whereof I have hereunto
subscribed my name and attach
the seal of said Circuit Court of
which I am custodian now in
my office at the City of Madison
on this October 5th 1863

David G Phillips cler

State of Kentucky,
Trimble County, }
} Let

I Wm Peck Clerk of the Trimble County Court do certify
that the foregoing Deed of Mortgage from F. Madden & Ann L
Madden his wife to J R Branch was this day filed in my off
and being legally stamped according to an act of Congress
Deed of Mortgage together with the foregoing and this certifica
both been duly admitted to record in my office
Given under my hand as Clerk of said court this
22nd day of October 1863. Wm Peck Cler

...
delivered to
...
7 24th 1863
Wm Peck

This agreement made between Geo W Branch and Frances
Branch his wife as follows (viz) whereas the said Frances
Branch has instituted a suit in the Henry Circuit Court of
her husband James M Branch for divorce and alimony - Now
the parties have this day by mutual consent and the advice of friends
compromised & settled the said suit as follows - The s^d James M Branch has con
veyed this day to his wife for her own separate use and benefit, a
tract of one hundred and twenty acres of land and executed to
his wife for one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid when she relin
quishes her dower on land hereinafter sold by s^d Branch which she
agrees to do upon presentation to her of s^d deed, - And the s^d Frances
Branch upon her oath agrees and does hereby relinquish all of her
interest in all the estate of the s^d Branch which he now has or
hereafter acquires consisting of either real or personal estate in the
County of Trimble or out of it, hereby releasing him from all claim
for alimony, and also relinquishing any claim she may have upon
his estate of every description as widow of s^d Branch in the case
he should first die this writing and its intention is that said
party shall hereafter have any interest in the estate of the other
either whilst the parties are living or by reason of their death
Mrs Branch is to dismiss her suit, and James M Branch is
to deliver her full and peaceable possession of the land this day
conveyed hereon the 1st day of March 1864 - The parties also agree

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Deed BK
F

Here in the Henry Circuit Court this day I read and by these presents does sell and convey unto the said Francis Branch forever a certain tract of land lying in Trimble County on the waters of Log Branch containing in all one hundred and twenty acres it being the same land purchased by said Branch of Stephen Horse Twenty or thirty acres of the same having been sold all by Branch heretofore, all of which land together with all and singular the premises is hereby conveyed to the said Francis Branch for her own use & benefit to be held and controlled independently of the said James M Branch the said Francis M Branch is also authorized to sell and convey the same whenever she sees proper by absolute deed without the interference or consent of James M Branch & to use the proceeds for her own use and benefit as she may think best it being the object of this conveyance to vest her with the absolute title and the party of the first part agrees to warrant and defend the title to the land hereby conveyed unto the said Francis Branch against the Claims or Claims of all persons whatsoever. This the 20th of Aug 1863

attest
A. J. Bartlett
F. M. Abbott
State of Kentucky,
Trimble County, } dt

James M. Branch
Wife

I (W. F. Peck) Deputy for W. Samuel Clerk of the County Court for the County of Trimble do certify that the foregoing deed from James M Branch to Francis Branch was this day produced to me in my County and acknowledged and filed by said James M Branch a party thereto to be his act and deed and being legally standing agreeable to act of Congress

Said deed together with this certificate hath been duly admitted to record in my office Given under my hand this the 25th day of Sept 1863

W. Samuel Clerk
By W. F. Peck, D. C.

This Indenture made and entered into this 3rd day of January 1863 between Dennis J. Hing and Hannah Hing his wife of Carroll County Kentucky of the first part and James M. Branch of Trimble County of the second part do hereby certify that the

Deed of land from James M Branch to Francis Branch

This said to
formal
delivered
Jan 26th 1863

Tracy
Deed
Branch

This indenture made the sixteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & twenty seven, between James Tracy of the County of Hungey, State of Kentucky of the one part, & Edward Branch of Oldham County, State of Kentucky of the other part, witnesseth, that the said James Tracy hath covenanted, bargained & sold, by these presents doth bargain & sell unto the said Edward Branch, his heirs & assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of land lying & being in the County of Oldham, on the waters of the Little Kentucky river, for the sum of forty dollars lawful money to him the said James Tracy, in hand paid by him the said Edward Branch at & before the sealing & delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said land contains by survey fifty six acres, to the same more or less, being part of a certain tract or parcel of land known by Joseph Per's Military survey & bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at two sugar trees in Carter Marshall's line: thence North fourteen degrees West sixty six poles, to red oak white oak & beech; thence West One hundred & twenty seven poles, to three sugar trees & Mulberry on a small branch near the mouth: thence South sixty six poles, to white oak & hickory in Carter Marshall's line: thence with said Marshall's line One hundred & forty five poles, to the beginning with this appointment, & then the said Edward Branch his heirs & assigns. To have and to hold, all & singular the above said tract or parcel of land, together with its appurtenances, unto him the said Edward Branch his heirs & assigns forever; And the said James Tracy for his self, his heirs & assigns, warrant & defend against the claims or claims of him the said James Tracy his heirs & assigns, or claims or claims originating through the said James Tracy his heirs or assigns, unto him

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The said Edward Branch his heirs or assigns forever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this day and date above written
Signed in presence of Benjamin Branch
George Tucker
James Tracy
State of Kentucky vs. = A bar county court held for the County of Oldham on the 15th day of October 1827: this deed from James Tracy to Edward Branch, was produced in court and proved to be the act and deed of the said Tracy by the oaths of Benjamin Branch and George Tucker, subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, and recorded accordingly
Attest Jno P. King C. C. C. B.

Deed of James Tracy to Edward Branch

John Taylor & his heirs forever, to them only, progenies & heirs: And the said William Taylor for himself, and his heirs doth covenant with the said John Taylor

In the name of God Amen. I give & bequeath of the County of
Halifax State of New Brunswick, being Sictor, one of sound
mind & disposing memory; do make & ordain this my last
Will & Testament, in manner & form as follows: (wits)

First. It is my Will & desire that all my Just debts be just paid,
Secondly - I give unto my Wife Elizabeth Branch, during her
Natural life or widowhood, the land & plantation where
I now reside; but, at the death, or marriage of my said
Wife, then, and in either case, it is my Will & desire
that the said land & premises, shall be sold, on a credit of
twelve months, & the proceeds from such sale, be equally divided
among, all my children; then & share alike. to them &
their heirs forever

Thirdly I also ~~also~~ give unto my said wife Elizabeth all
my house hold & kitchen furniture (together with my
Stock of all kinds, or nature whatsoever (except
that which I may hereafter dispose of, or such
as may be necessary to pay my Just debts), also
my crop &c. But in case my said wife Elizabeth
should marry, (or at her death) then, & in either
case, it is my Will & desire that, all the above men-
tioned property be and to her as aforesaid, shall be sold
by my Executors hereafter named, and the credits of
twelve months of the money arising from the sale thereof
to be equally divided among all my children then
& share, alike. to them & their heirs forever

Fourthly. I give to my two Sons Portoclar & Miller Branch,
one fourth ^{1/4} part of my ^{1/4} share, (being the Bed, known as formerly
belonging to their mother) to them & their heirs forever

Fifthly - I give to my two daughters, Mary, & Martha, the
Branch (at the death or marriage of my said
wife Elizabeth, the Bed & furniture each, to them
& their heirs forever

Sixthly I do truly nominate & appoint my friend
Peter B. Pined my whole & sole Executor to this
my last Will & Testament truly writing & dissemi-
ning what an Will, or Will, by me made

In Testimony whereof I have

Presented to the Court and officiated by Seal this
22nd day of June 1842 (two)

Signed Sealed & acknowledged his
In presence of —————) Seso + Branches Seal
Alexander W. Pierce jr.)
George C. Pierce.)

R. P. Pierce qualified — Dec 80 of
Hampden Nov Court 1842

The foregoing paper containing purporting to be
the last will and testament of J. P. Branch being
exhibited in open Court and offered for probate and
the execution thereof being proved by the oath of Alexander
Pierce, one of the subscribing witnesses to the same. The
Court doth declare the said will to be duly proved
both as a will of realty & personally and it is ordered
to be Recorded.

Witness Ja. Simmons Clerk

Seso Branch

Will

Recorded in Book No. 4 page

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Whereas one Negro woman slave named Hannah. Do have & to hold the said Negro slave with all her increase to his own proper use forever and I the said Joshua Johnson doth bind my self my heirs &c. forever to defend the right & title of the said Negro slave to the said Benjamin & his heirs & assigns. In witness whereof I have set my hand & seal this 11th day of Jan^y. 1806.

Witness.

Jos^{ph} Hill - Jurat.

Tho^s King

Joshua Johnson 

Franklin County March Session 1806.

The above Bill of sale was exhibited in open Court and the execution thereof duly proved by the oath of Jordan Hill & on motion ordered to be recorded.

Test. G^o Hill^y C^o

The foregoing Bill of sale is truly Registered.

Test. Jos^{ph} Perry P. R.

This Indenture made the eighteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and six, between William, Thomas, and Washington Norwood of John Norwood Senior, late of Franklin County, by Leah Norwood his last wife of the one part, and John Branch Senior of the County of Halifax, of the other part, Witnesses, that the said William, Thomas, and Washington Norwood for and in consideration of the sum of twelve hundred and sixty five pounds to them in hand paid, by the said John Branch, have the executing

of this deed, have given, granted, Bargained, and sold and by these presents, do give grant, bargain, and sell unto the said John Branch his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying & being in the County of Franklin aforesaid on the rich land breaks and bounded as follows, Viz, Beginning at a white oak on the north side of big rich land creek Sharps corner, thence by Thomas' line North 40 degrees East 120 poles to a red oak, then North along said line 89 poles to an ash on the south side of Little richland creek, then North 75 degrees west by Haywoods line 87 poles to a gum, then South 66 degrees West 40 poles to a rock, then west 52 poles to a red oak at the road, then North 79 degrees West 85 poles to a white oak on a branch, then up the various courses of said branch to a gum, then North 60 degrees West 31 poles to Haywoods line, then by said line South 19 degrees West 168 poles to a black oak on the North side of big rich land creek, then down the meanders of said creek to an elm Thomas' corner, then by his line South 192 poles to a white oak, then east by Green's line 156 poles to a red oak, then North a line of marked trees to the first station, containing seven hundred and eighty nine acres more or less with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and all the right, title interest and claim of them the said William, Thomas, and Washington Norwood of in and to the same. To have and to hold, the premises hereby bargained and sold unto him the said John Branch his heirs and assigns forever and they the said William, Thomas, and Washing^{ton} Norwood for themselves, and their heirs do covenant, promise and agree to and with the said John Branch his heirs and assigns (but they) and their heirs shall and will defend and support the premises aforesaid to the said John Branch

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his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull claim or claims
of all and every person or persons, claiming or to claim, by free or under
them the said William, Thomas, and Washington Norwood or either of them

In witness whereof they the said William, Thomas, & Washington Norwood
have hereunto set their hands & fixed their seals the day and year above
written

Signid Seals and delivered

in presents of us

Robt. L. Whitaker, Suror.

Augustin Norwood

M^m Norwood Seal

Tho^s Norwood Seal

Wash^t Norwood Seal

Be it remembered that the land mentioned in this deed was sold for
our just interest and benefit, and therefore, we bind ourselves and heirs
to allow and bear, each one seventh parts, of any incumbrance which
may now be on the said land, and make good each one seventh part of
any defect which may be in the title, or quantity, of the said land
as witness our hands and seals this 18th day of January 1806. —

Test, Robt. L. Whitaker - Suror,

Augustin Norwood

M^m Norwood Seal

Tho^s Norwood Seal

Wash^t Norwood Seal

Joseph Catterbridge Seal

Edwin Cook Seal

Franklin County March 26th 1806

M^m Gantt Seal

The within deed was exhibited in open Court

John Branch Seal

& the execution thereof duly proved by the oath of Robert L. Whitaker one
of subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded

The foregoing deed is truly registered. Test, J. P. Perry

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Branch's } In the name of God Amen, I Johan Branch of the County
 Hill } of Chesterfield in the Parish of Dale being weak and infirm
 in Body but in perfect sense & memory do make and ordain
 this my last will and Testament, and what Estate it hath
 pleased God to bless me with I bestow in manner and form
 as followeth *¶*

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Johanna Sandifur
 One Feather Bed and Furniture

Item I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Branch one
 Nigre man named Jo and one feather Bed and Furniture

Item I give and bequeath to my son Mathew Branch all the
 remainder parts of my Estate and I do appoint my son Samuel
 Branch my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament
 as witness my hand this 11th day of Feby 1769 and my desire
 is that my Estate be not divided by Order of Court

Witness
 Simon Hancock
 Mary Cobbs
 John Cobbs

Johan^{hin} Branch (L.S.)
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See County Court Order Book 5, page 12

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Brook's 1771 Memorandum of the Appraisements of John Brooks
 Inventory Estate Deces. -----

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To 1 Gun	10"
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To 1 Black Mair	12"
To 1 Negro Wench & Child	60"
To 1 Negro Gall	50"
To 1 Negro Boy	15"
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Containing six hundred acres more or
less, ten thousand acres of land in the State
of Tennessee on the waters of Duck River
agreeable to deed now in possession of
two black Smiths viz Luke & Patrick
either with the gift of black death today
one Bill & furniture to him his heirs
& assigns forever

4. I give unto my Grandson Henry
Whitaker that land I purchased of
Catherine which William Hutton now
lives on in the State of Tennessee
the death of the said William
wife to him his heirs & assigns forever

5. I give unto my two sons James & John Branch
five shillings each to them their heirs &c

6. My will is that all the residue of my estate
that is not already designated, after paying
my debts be equally divided between my
three youngest children share & share
alike that is to say Eliza Washington &
William Branch also that part of my
estate left my wife, after her death
or marriage to them their heirs & assigns
forever

As it is understood that in case
any of my three last mentioned chil-
dren should die, my will is that the
property left to them should descend to
the surviving two. And if either of my
two first mentioned children should die
before they come of age or marry
that the property left him or her should
go to the surviving one

My will further is that my Executors
herein

And after named I do such part of my
jointable property left to my three young-
est children as may be necessary to dis-
charge my debts, and if there should
not be a sufficiency of such property to dis-
charge the same, that they, ^{as many}
of the negroes left to my said three
youngest children, to wit, Eliza, Washing-
ton & William, as may be necessary for
the payment of said debts.

Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute &
appoint my two sons James & John
Branch, my son in law Eli Benton the
dear & my friend Sumford Longmole
& sole executors of this my last will and
testament revoking & disannulling all
former Wills by me made in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand
of Cal this 21st day of November 1805.

Signed sealed and
acknowledged in
presence of

Wm Lewis Jut

James Branch

Henry Wall Jut
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In The Name of God Amen I John Branch
 Senior of the County of Robeson and State of North
 Carolina being of Sound Mind & disposing Memory
 in Order to prevent any disputes that might arise
 after my death do Make and Ordain this to be
 My last Will and Testament, vizt
 First it is my will and desire that all my Just debts
 should be paid

Item I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Branch during
 her widowhood, the lands whereon I now live together with
 all other of my lands & plantations thereunto adjoining, as also
 all my household and kitchen furniture except such as
 I hereafter dispose of in this will herein are hundred
 pounds of Indian Corn all my Stock of Hogs & Sheep, eight
 Cows & Calves four horses vizt Taylor, Edmund, & two
 Saddle Horses my riding Chair & harness four Stacks
 of fodder and also the following Negroes to wit Charles
 & his wife & Children Nancy & Child Francis only
 Mary Sianna Sam, Jack Miles & Susanna,

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Catherine Branch
 the following Negroes namely George, Hicks, Puffin & her
 two children, Nancy & Child Ben, Peggy, Polly, Blue
 Little Duke, Eliza & Gilly with their increase, and
 also two Cows & furniture to her her heirs & assigns for ever
 and if my said daughter Catherine should die under lawful
 age or before marriage then and in that case it is my
 will and I do accordingly give & bequeath the Negroes & other
 property bequeathed to the said Catherine, unto my son Joseph
 Branch to him his heirs and assigns for ever

Item I give down & bequeath to my son Joseph Branch my
 land & plantation known by the name of the Cellar
 containing two hundred acres more or less near Cape Fear
 Courthouse, as also ten thousand acres of land in the State of
 Virginia on the Waters of Duck River equally to the said

Now in possession, (5000 acres of which is patented in
my own name, the other 15000 was patented in the
name of my deceased brother William Branch, whose
name only was used by me, by & with his consent
The existing laws at that day expressly prohibited my
entry in my own name for a larger quantity than
5000 acres) as also I give & bequeath to my said
son Joseph my two Black Smiths Luke & Matt
together with all my my Black Smiths tools & utensils
one Negro boy Moses as also one bed & furniture to
my said son Joseph for ever and if my said son
Joseph should die before he marries or otherwise lawful
age then & in that case it is my will and I
do accordingly give devise & bequeath the said Negroes
& other property given to the said Joseph unto
my daughter Catherine to her, her heirs & assigns for ever

Item I give devise & bequeath unto my Grandson Henry
Branch Heir of the land I purchased of John Chappin
which William Hewitt now lives on in the State of
Tennessee after the death of the said William & his wife, to
my said son Joseph and after his death
I do give unto my two sons James & John Branch five
dollars each to them & their heirs for ever

Item I give, devise & bequeath unto my true youngest Child
myt. Elizabeth, Washington, & William Branch, all the real
& personal of my estate be it of whatsoever nature or kind it
may be so as to include all my lands, my Swan Lake
Swan and my land & plantation called Soyrons, and
likewise all my Negroes which are not before mentioned
in this will, I likewise give devise & bequeath to
my said true youngest Child last mentioned, after the
death of my Mother the whole of the estate, real
personal or personal which is given or lent to my
loving wife Elizabeth during her widowhood in the

foregoing part of the my wife to them the said I assign
I have I have also I if I should so happen
that one or more of my said the youngest children
should die before they attain lawful age so that
I in that case my wife and I do
accordingly direct & desire that the said my wife &
the property left in the will to them should be
paid or payments of the said my wife & children
Mary, Washington & William Branch

that my wife's father is and I do so direct that they
should receive a part of the said part of the
property left to my said youngest children
as they may think proper in order to discharge my
debts I do think this to be a good support for
that purpose. They shall then proceed to sell of the
same given to my said youngest children as
they may think proper to pay all my said debts

~~My said youngest children~~
~~the said my wife & children~~
~~the said my wife & children~~

My said I constitute & appoint my son James
& John Branch and my son in law Dr. B. Whitson
& my friend Sanford Long Counselors of the said state
& Testament of the said my wife I have made out
my hand & seal this 13th day of January anno Domini

1756 Signed Seal & delivered
in presence of
Henry & Gale Jr
James Branch

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The last will &

testament of

John Branch

dated 13th Sept 1866

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In the name of God amen I John Branch first of Halifax County & State of North Carolina, being of a sound mind & disposing memory, but knowing the mortality of my body & calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain by my Will & Testament in manner and form following: Ver.

I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Branch during her widowhood, the lands whereon I now live with all other of my land adjoining it, all my Household & Kitchen furniture except such as is hereafter disposed of, one hundred barrels of Corn, all my stock of Hogs & Sheep, eight cows & a pig, four Horses, one Taylor, Edmunds & two good mares, my riding Chair & harness, four stacks of Hay, also the following negroes, to wit, Edson & his wife and children, Pancy, Frank, Sally, Mary, Dianna, Sam, Jack, Willis, Wendell, I give and bequeath to my daughter Simee Branch, the following negroes, namely, George, Willie, Safney & her two children, Rhodes, Abraham, Ben, Peggy, Betty, Oliver, Wine, Luke, Black, Wm, Lilly, with their increase, two beds & furniture, to her, her heirs & assigns forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Branch my land & plantation known by the name of the better

containing six hundred acres more or
less, ten thousand acres of land in the State
of Tennessee on the waters of Duck River
adjoining to deep woods in possession my
two black Smiths viz. Luke & Patrick
together with the rest of black Smiths body
line & furniture to him his heirs
& assigns forever
4. I give unto my grand son Henry
Whitaker that land I purchased for
Cherokee which William Hillman now
lives on in the State of Tennessee
the death of the said William
wife) to him his heirs & assigns forever
5. I give unto my two sons Jerry & John Broad
five shillings each to them their heirs &
assigns in that part of the residue of my estate
that is not already designated, after paying
my debts, be equally divided between my
three youngest children share & share
alike, that is to say Celiza, Washington &
William Branch also that part of my
estate but my wife, after her death
or marriage to them their heirs & assigns
forever; As it is understood that in case
any of my three last mentioned chil-
dren should die and my wife is not the
property left to them should descend to
the surviving two - And if either of my
two first mentioned children should die
before they come of age or marry
that the property left him or her should
go to the surviving one
My will further is that my Executors
herein

Merin after named full such part of my
perishable property left to my three young-
est children as may be necessary to dis-
charge my debts, and if there should
not be a sufficiency of such property to dis-
charge the same, that they, as many
of the negroes left to my said three
youngest children, to wit, Eliza Washing-
ton & William, as may be necessary for
the payment of said debts.

Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute &
appoint my two sons James & John
Branch, my grandson Eli Benton the
son of my friend Sumford Bond, whole
& sole Executors of this my last will and
testament revoking & disannulling all
former Wills by me made in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& seal this 25th day of October 1805.

Signed sealed and
acknowledged in
presence of 3
Wm Lewis Junr

James Branch

Henry Wall Junr
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In the Name of God Amen I John Branch
Senior of the County of Robeson and State of North
Carolina being of Sound Mind & disposing Memory
in Order to prevent any disputes that might arise
after my death do hereby and Ordain this to be
my last Will and Testament, ^{Wt}
That it is my will and desire that all my Just debts
Should be paid

I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Branch during
her widowhood the lands whereon I now live together with
all other my lands & plantations thereunto adjoining, as also
all my household and kitchen furniture except such as
is hereafter disposed of in this will I give and Ordain
to be sold of in the well known and Hundred
Parish of Indian Creek all my Stock of Hogs & Cows, eight
Cows & Calves four horses wth Taylor Edmund & two
Sorel Mares my sitting Chair & harness four Stacks
of fodder and also the following Negroes to wit ^{Wt}
& his wife & Children Nancy & Child Francis Edy
Mary Sianna Sam Jack Miles & Amijohn

I give and bequeath to my daughter Catherine Branch
the following Negroes namely George Wilks Dafny & her
two Children Pheby wth Ben, Piggy Betty plus
Lolla Luke Ethel & Gilly with their increase and
also two beds & furniture to be her own & apays for ever
and if my said daughter Catherine should die under lawful
age or before marriage then and in that case it is my
will and I do accordingly give & bequeath the Negroes & other
property bequeathed to the said Catherine unto my son Joseph
Branch to him his heirs and assigns for ever

I give also & bequeath to my son Joseph Branch my
lands & plantations known by the name of the Cobles
containing two hundred acres more or less near Enfield and
Courthouse, as also ten thousand acres of land in the State of
Virginia on the waters of Duck River equally to the said

now in possession (5000 acres of which is patented in
my own name) the other 5000 was patented in the
name of my deceased brother William Branch whose
name only was used by me. by & with his consent
The existing laws at that day expressly prohibited my
entry in my own name for a larger quantity than
5000 acres) as also I give & bequeath to my said
son Joseph my two blacksmiths Luke & Matt
together with all my my blacksmith tools & business
and my own boy Moses is also one bed & furniture to
him his wife & children for ever and if my said son
Joseph should die before he marries or remains single
age then & in that case it is my will and I
do accordingly give devise & bequeath the lands Negroes
& other property given to the said Joseph unto
my daughter Catherine to her her heirs & assigns for ever
Item I give devise & bequeath unto my Grandson Henry
Branch White the land I purchased of John Elmer
which William Hewitt now lies on in the State of
Tennessee after the death of the said William & his wife to
him his heirs and assigns for ever
Item I give unto my two sons James & John Branch five
shillings each to them & their heirs for ever
Item I give devise & bequeath unto my three youngest Children
vizt Elizabeth Washington & William Branch all the rest
& residue of my estate be it of what soever nature or kind it
may be so as to include all my lands my Deer Park
Quinn and my land & plantation called Soyams and
Cokeville all my Negroes which are not before mentioned
in this will I likewise give devise & bequeath to
my said three youngest Children last mentioned after the
death of their Mother the whole of the estate Charles
personall or personal which is given or lent to my
young wife Elizabeth during her widowhood in the

foregoing part of the my will to them the said James
I have I have a like & if it should so happen
that one or more of my said three youngest children
should die before they attain lawful age so that
I in that case my will and devise in and I do
accordingly direct & devise that the said James &
other property left in the will to them should be
Lawrence or Laurence of the my said children
Elizabeth, Washington & William Branch

My wife Sarah is and I do so direct that my
said three youngest children should have the last part of my
property left to my three youngest children
as they may think proper in order to discharge my
debts and I do think this to be a good purpose for
that purpose. I do hereby direct to give of the
my said three youngest children as
many as will the purpose to pay all my last debts

~~My son James~~
~~My son William~~
~~My son Washington~~
~~My son Elizabeth~~
~~My son Lawrence~~
~~My son Laurence~~
~~My son William Branch~~

lastly I constitute & appoint my son James
& John Branch and my son in Law Chas B. Webster
of my said youngest son. Executors of the my last will
& Testament in which witness I have signed at
my hand & seal this 13th day of January anno Domini

1806
Signed Seal & Delivered
in presence of
Henry & John
my wife
man

James

In the Name of God Amen I John Branch
Senior of the County of Horry and State of South
Carolina being of sound Mind & disposing Memory
in Order to prevent any doubts that may arise
after my death do hereby make certain this to be
my last will and testament, vizt
First it is my will and desire that all my debts
should be paid

Item I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Branch
the widow the lands where I now live together
all the other land & plantation I now possess
all my household and kitchen furniture except what is
a Gun after disposed of in this will which are
Parcels of Indian Corn all my Stock of Eggs & Poultry
Cows & Calves here to wit Taylor, Edwards, &
Loud. Mares my riding Chair & harness four
of Saddles and also the following negroes to wit
H. his wife & Children Nancy & Child Sarah
Mary Sienna Sam, Jack, John & Obediah,

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Catherine Branch
the following Negroes namely George, Hilda, Luffy & her
two Children, Charity, aged Ben, Peggy, Betty, Eliza
Lettie, Luke, Clark, & Gilly with their increase and
also two acres of ground to be her home & plantation
and if my said daughter should die under twenty
years of lawful marriage then and in that case it is my
will and I do accordingly give & bequeath the Negroes & land
herely bequeathed to the said Catherine, unto my son Joseph
Branch to him his heirs and assigns forever
Item I give down & bequeath to my son Joseph Branch
all the plantation known by the name of the Collier
containing one hundred acres more or less
to wit the plantation
as also ten thousand acres of land in the
County of York State of South Carolina

... in ... (5000 acres of which is patented in
my own name; the other 5000 was patented in the
name of my deceased brother William Branch. Where
ever any was used by me, by or with the consent
of any laws at that day, in buying, purchasing, my
self in my own name, for a larger quantity than
5000 acres) as also I give & bequeath to my good
son Joseph my two blacksmith hammers & nails
together with also my my blacksmith tools likewise
my silver box, knives, as also one bed & furniture by
my self & my wife, for ever and if my said son
Joseph should die before he marries, or remains single
age then & in that case, it is my will; and I
do accordingly give devise & bequeath the said negroes
& other property given to the said Joseph, first
my daughter Catherine, to her, her heirs & assigns for ever
then I give devise & bequeath unto my grand son Henry
Branch, the said; I purchased of John Emidge
white William Flewellen now living in the State of
Virginia after the death of the said William & his wife, to
him, his heirs & assigns for ever,
then I give unto my two sons, James & John Branch five
hundred each to them & their heirs for ever
then I give, devise & bequeath unto my three youngest children
vizt. Elizabeth, Marjorie, & William Branch, all the real
& personal of my estate be it of whatsoever nature or kind it
may be, so as to include all my lands, my Joan Lake
River and my land & plantation called Soyons, and
likewise all my negroes, which are not before mentioned
in this will; I likewise give devise & bequeath to
my said three youngest children last mentioned; after the
death of the said Mother the whites of the white, Peter
Journals, or Journales which is given & lent to my
dearly wife Elizabeth during her life & her heirs in the

Dr Eliza, Washington, & Wm Branch

1822	Cash Paid Clerk of Court for recording	1	80
January	Guardian of Feb. 1822	1	80
	Cash Paid W. Killee for tax	3	26
	Cash Paid Mrs Branch her share for 1821	178	88 1/2
	Ditto to Joseph Branch for the Board of Washington & Wm Branch for the year 1821	160	"
	Ditto to Joseph Branch for the keeping & supporting old negroes for the year 1821	25	"
	Cash Paid Eliza Branch her proportionable part of the rents & hire for the year 1821	80	"
April 1821	Cash to Washington & Wm Branch hands to see the Chemist at Enfield	1	50
	Cash Paid Thing for Cross for William	2	"
	Cash Paid Joynes of Halifax for shoes for Washington	1	75
May 1821	Cash Paid Shoemaker at Enfield for Washington	2	25
June	Cash Paid W. Le Perly writing master for the tuition of Washington Branch	3	"
July 1821	Cash Paid Anthony Thing for both Washington & William Branch shoes	4	"
August	Cash to William Branch hands to buy Booky and for Pocket money	2	50
	Cash to Washington hands for some time	1	50
December	Cash Paid J. W. Bushel for shoes for William	3	25
	Cash Paid Thing for shoes for Washington	2	75
	Cash Paid Long Hunter for Washington	50	35
	Ditto for William Branch a/c of shoes	5	"
	Ditto Miss Sally Brichles a/c for both	1	24
	Ditto to Long Johnson for William	1	24
	Commissions on this sum 5/100 of 389.66 1/2	19	48
	Cash paid John W. Bailey for Wm & Washington	3	"

492 51 1/2

John Branch Dec'd in a/c with the ^{Trust} ~~John Branch~~ ^{Guardian}

80	January	The hire and rent of their Property		
26	B ²	for the year 1821. (60)		
8 1/2		The River Plantation to Lemuel Long -	216.	66 2/3
		Joying Place to Jesse Phipps -	58.	"
		Mansion Place & old Tavern to Gammon -	30.	"
		Old place to Jack Burt. -	60	"
		Negroes fellow work to R. Newell -	33	"
		To Balance due the orphan on the	101.	24 2/3
50		1 st of January 1821.		
75		Interest on that Balance up to the	6.	6
25		1 st day January 1822 -		
			$\text{P } 496.97 \frac{2}{3}$	
			$492.51 \frac{1}{3}$	
		Balance Due the orphan on	$\text{P } 4.46$	
		the first day of January 1822.		
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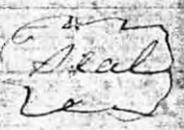
A/C
Jos. Branch With
The orphans of
John Branch Dec.
for 1822.

Recorded 133 page

I Martha A Branch do make and
establish this as a codicil to the foregoing
will to wit. I nominate constitute and
appoint my daughter Rosa W Branch
Executrix to this my last will and Testament
to execute the same according to the true
intent and meaning thereof. Witness my
hand and seal this the 14th day of
February 1883

Witness

J. H. May
W. B. Weston

Martha A Branch 

I Martha A Branch of the County
of Franklin and State of North Carolina
Wife of Washington Branch of the County
and State aforesaid) being of sound
and disposing mind and memory do
on this the ~~14~~¹⁵ day of February the
thousand eight hundred and eighty three
(1883) make publish and declare this
my last will and Testament in, manner
and form following to wit:

First I give and bequeath to my
daughter George Anna Lewis Lawson,
(wife of Thomas T Lawson of Halifax
County Virginia) the bed, mattress, bed
clothing, crockery and all other articles
which have been sent to her from time
to time since her marriage, by me.
Second I give and bequeath to my
daughter Agnes S Ballard, all the
bed, bed clothing, crockery and silver
which have been sent to her from time
to time since her marriage, by me.
Third, I give and bequeath to my Son
Washington L Branch, the bed on which
his Father commonly lies the bedstead,

and its furniture.
Fourth I give and bequeath to my two
daughters Rosa W Branch, and Lou
Williamis Branch all my other beds, bed
clothing together with all my crockery
silver, and every article of household
furniture I may be in possession of.
Fifth. after paying any just debts I give
and bequeath all the rest and residue
of my property and estate of every
description to my daughter Rosa W
Branch and her heirs and assigns
forever. Testimonies whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this the 14th day of February
1823

Martha A Branch *Test*

Signed, sealed, published and
declared by Martha A Branch
to be her last will and Testament
in our presence, who in her presence
and at her request, subscribe our names
here to as witnesses.

J. May

T. B. Weston.

Martha A. Brand

Will

purpose

I Martha A Branch of the County
of Franklin and State of North Carolina
(wife of Washington Branch of the County
and State aforesaid) being of sound
and disposing mind and memory, do,
on this the 14th day of February the
thousand eight hundred and eighty three
(1883) make public and declare this
my last will and Testament in, manner
and form following to wit.

First I give and bequeath to my
daughter George Anna Lewis Larison,
(wife of Thomas Larison of Halifax
County Virginia) the beds, mattress, bed
clothing, crockery and all other articles
which have been sent to her from time
to time since her marriage, by me.
Second I give and bequeath to my
daughter Agnes W Ballard all the
beds, bedclothing, crockery and silver
which have been sent to her from time
to time since her marriage, by me.
Thirdly I give and bequeath to my Son
Washington L Branch the bed, pillow which
his Father commonly lies the bedstead.

and its furniture
Fourth I give and bequeath to my two
daughters Rosa to Branch, and Lou
Williamis Branch all my other bed^dbed
clothing together with all my crockery
silver and every article of household
furniture I may be in possession of
with after paying my just debts I give
and bequeath all the rest and residue
of my property and estate of every
description to my daughter Rosa to
Branch and her heirs and assigns
forever. Witnesses whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this the 14th day of February
1823.

Martha A Branch ^(S)
test

Signed sealed published and
declared by Martha A Branch
to be her last will and Testament
in our presence, who in her presence
and at her request, subscribe our names
hereto as witnesses.

J. May
T. S. Weston.

I Martha A Branch do make and
establish this as a codicil to the foregoing
will. To wit. I nominate constitute and
appoint my daughter Rosa M Branch
Executrix to this my last will and Testament
to execute the same according to the true
intent and meaning thereof, Witness my
hand and seal this the 14th day of
February, 1883.

Witness

Martha A Branch (Seal)

J. H. Mason
W. B. Weston

I, Martha A Branch of the County of Franklin and State of North Carolina (wife of Washington Branch of the County and State aforesaid) being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do on this the 2nd day of February one thousand Eight Hundred and eighty three (1883), make publish and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit,

First I give and bequeath to my daughter George Ann Lewis Lawson wife of Thomas J Lawson of Halifax County Virginia, the Beds, mattresses bed clothing, Crockery silver and all other articles which have been sent to her from time to time since her marriage by me,

Second, I give and bequeath to my daughter Agnes J Ballard all the beds bed clothing, Crockery and silver which have been sent to her from time to time since her marriage by me,

Third, I give and bequeath to my son Washington L Branch the Bed on which his Father commonly lies the bedstead and its furniture,

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my two daughters Rosa M Branch, and Lou Williams Branch all my other Beds and bed clothing together with all my Crockery, silver and every article of household furniture I may die in possession of.

Fifth After paying my just debts I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my property and estate of every description to my daughter Rosa M Branch and her heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 14th day of February 1883

Martha A. Branch

I signed sealed published and declared by Martha A Branch to be her last will and Testament in our presence, who in her presence and at her request, subscribed our names hereto as witnesses

J A May
J B Hester

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I, Martha A Branch do make and establish this as a Codicil to the foregoing will to wit, I mean

C O P Y

Will of Martha A. Branch

Dated 14 February 1883

Recorded Franklin County, North Carolina

I Martha A. Branch of the County of Franklin and State of North Carolina (wife of Washington Branch of the County and State aforesaid) being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do, on this the 14th day of February one thousand eight hundred and eighty three (1883) make publish and declare this my last will and Testament in, manner and form following to wit

First I give and bequeath to my daughter George Anna Lewis Lawson (wife of Thomas T Lawson of Halifax County Virginia), the beds matrass bed clothing crockery silver and all other articles which have been sent to her from time to time since her marriage by me.

Second I give and bequeath to my daughter Agnes S Ballard all the beds bed clothing crockery and silver which have been sent to her from time to time since her marriage by me.

Third I give and bequeath to my son Washington L Branch the bed on which his Father commonly lies the bedstead and its furniture.

Fourth I give and bequeath to my two daughters Rosa W Branch, and Lou Williams Branch all my other beds and bed clothing together with all my crockery silver and every article of household furniture I may die in possession of.

Fifth After paying any just debts I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my property and estate of every description to my daughter Rosa W Branch and her heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 14th day of February 1883.

Martha A Branch (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by Martha A Branch to be her last will and Testament in our presence, who in her presence and at her request, subscribe our names hereto as witnesses

J A May
F. B. Hester.

I Martha A Branch do make and establish this as a codicil to the foregoing will to wit: I nominate constitute and appoint my daughter Rosa W Branch Executrix to this my last will and Testament to execute the same according to the true intent and meaning thereof, witness my hand and seal this the 14th day of February 1883.

Martha A Branch (Seal)

Witness

J A May
F B Hester

State of North Carolina
Franklin County

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha A Branch deceased and a codicil thereto is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by Rosa W Branch the Executrix therein named, and the due execution thereof of the said ^{will and} Codicil by the said Martha A Branch by the oath and examination of J A May and J B Hester, the subscribing witness thereto: who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and swear, that he is a subscribing witness to the ~~paper writing~~ ^{paper writing} ~~now shown to him~~, purporting to be the last will testament and codicil thereto of Martha A Branch, that the said Martha A Branch in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 14th day of February 1883. and the Codicil of the 14th day of February 1882. And the deponent further saith, that the said Martha A Branch the Testatrix aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare that said paper writing so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto, and

at the request and in the presence of the
said Testatrix, And this deponent further
saith that at the said time when the
said Testatrix subscribed her name to
the said last Will as aforesaid and
Codicil, and at the time of the deponent's
subscribing his name as an attesting
witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said
Martha A Branch was of sound mind
and memory, of full age to execute a
Will, and was not under any restraint
to the knowledge, information or belief
of this deponent, and further these
deponents say not,

J. A. May
F. B. Hester

Personally sworn and subscribed the 26 day
of December 1883 before me, W. H. Harris

PLACE OF DEATH.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH—DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS.

County Franklin

City Louisburg

CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF DEATH.

No. — Church Street, — Ward.

Registered No. 57

[If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

FULL NAME Rosa Branch

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.

SEX Female COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED Single
(Write the word)

DATE OF BIRTH Can't find out
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE 59 years, — months, — days If LESS than 1 day, — hrs. or — min.?

OCCUPATION Saleslady
Trade, profession, or particular kind of work
General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Dry good store

BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Franklin Co. N.C.

NAME OF FATHER Washington Branch

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Franklin Co.

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Martha Lewis

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Franklin Co.

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

(Informant) R. F. Yarbrough
(Address) Louisburg, N.C.

Filed 8/20/1917 J. P. Raddin Registrar.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

DATE OF DEATH July 3rd 1917
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Jan 1st 1917 to July 31st 1917
that I last saw h. live on July 31st 1917
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 9 P. M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Rheumatism

Six months (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

(Signed) R. F. Yarbrough M. D.
1917 (Address) Louisburg, N.C.

* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS OR RECENT RESIDENTS)
At place of death — yrs. — mos. — ds. In the State — yrs. — mos. — ds.

Where was disease contracted, If not at place of death? —

Former or usual residence —

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Louisburg Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Aug 1st 1917

UNDERTAKER W. E. White ADDRESS Louisburg, N.C.

LOUISBURG

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.

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1 PLACE OF DEATH (Dist. No.) (To be inserted by local Registrar)
 County Cabell West Virginia State Department of Health
 District Sidon CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 4543
 (For State Reg. use only)
 Town or City Huntington No. 831-9 Ave St. Ward

2 FULL NAME Sue Thomas Branch (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)
 (a) Residence. No. 831-9 Ave St. Ward.
 (Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and state)
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. days. How long in U. S. A., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. days.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS					MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 SEX <u>Female</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (write the word) <u>widowed</u>			16 DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) <u>April 9th 1930</u>	
5a If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of <u>Washington Branch</u> (or) WIFE of <u>Washington Branch</u> (Give full maiden name)					17 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I attended deceased from <u>Sept. 1929</u> , to <u>Apr. 9</u> , 19 <u>30</u> , that I last saw her alive on <u>Apr. 8</u> , 19 <u>30</u> , and that death occurred on date stated above, at <u>8:40 a.m.</u>	
6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) <u>Sept 19-1862</u>					The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: (Primary or beginning cause)	
7 AGE Years <u>67</u>	Months <u>6</u>	Days <u>20</u>	If LESS than 1 day hrs. or min.		<u>Endocarditis & aortic regurgiciency -</u> (Duration) <u>15 yrs. ?</u> mos. <u>?</u> ds.	
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) (c) Name of employer					Contributory <u>Myocardial weakness & heart failure</u> . (Duration) <u>1 yrs. 1</u> mos. <u>?</u> ds.	
9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Warrenton</u> (State or country) <u>Ne</u>					18 Where was disease contracted, ? If not at place of death?	
PARENTS	10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Thomas B Robertson</u>				Did an operation precede death? <u>No</u> . Date of	
	11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) <u>Warrenton</u> (State or country) <u>Ne</u>				Was there an autopsy? <u>No</u>	
	12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Emily Davis</u>				What test confirmed diagnosis?	
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) <u>Warrenton</u> (State or country) <u>Ne</u>					(Signed) <u>P. M. Kyle</u> M. D. (Address) <u>Huntington, W. Va.</u>	
14 SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT <u>S. A. Branch</u> (Address) <u>831-9 Ave</u>					19 PLACE OF BURIAL <u>Ridgetown</u> Cremation or Removal <u>Cremated</u>	
15 Received <u>Apr. 14, 1930</u> <u>Ladie D. Chapman</u> REGISTRAR					Date of Burial <u>April 10-30</u> 20 Undertaker <u>Sheet Metal Home Inc</u> Address <u>Huntington W Va</u>	

I hereby certify that the above is a true photographic copy of a record filed with the Vital Registration Office, Bureau of Public Health, Charleston, West Virginia.

Witness my hand and seal this twenty-fifth day of April, 1936.

[Signature]

Gary L. Thompson, Acting State Registrar

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SUE T. BRANCH.
of the city of Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind, do make, declare and publish this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made.

First: It is my desire that my body may be buried in as a decent a manner as my circumstances in life will permit.

Second: I will and bequeth unto my two sons William Norwood Branch and Gideon Alston Branch, to share and share alike, my real estate situate on 9th avenue between 8th and 9th streets in said city, and being lot Number 5 Block Number 101 to have and to hold for and during their natural lives, and at the death of William Norwood Branch, his interest in said property to go to his children to share and share alike, and at the death of Gideon Alston Branch his interest in said property to go to and be held by and owned by my two daughters and son namely Etta Null Agness Fismore and Henry Clay Branch, and in case either or all of the last three named be dead then and in that event his interest shall go to their children to share and share alike and it is my desire that the title to this property be retained for a period of fifty years.

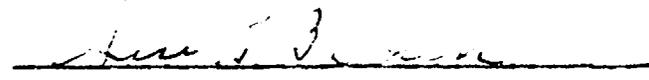
Third: It is my will and desire that William Norwood Branch and Gideon Branch pay to my two daughters Etta Null and Agnes Fismore the sum of five hundred dollars each to be paid as follows one-third to be paid in one year, one-third to be paid in two years and one-third to be paid in three years after my death.

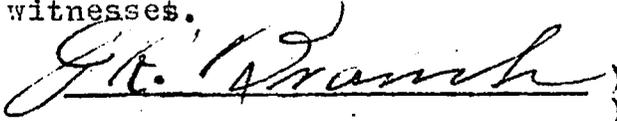
Forth: It is my will and desire that in case Henry Clay Branch becomes unable to work and provide for himself with the necessaries of life then and in that event William Norwood Branch and Gideon Alston Branch shall furnish him with the necessaries of life.

Fifth: I will and bequeth unto William Norwood Branch and Gideon Alston Branch my Buick automobile to be used by them as their family car, also all of my household goods,

Sixth: I hereby nominate and appoint Gideon Alston Branch to act as my executor of this my last will and testament, and with bond.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my ^{hand} this the 7th day of March 1928.


Signed, published, and acknowledged by Sue T. Branch, as and for her last will, in the presence of us, who in her presence and in the presence of each other, and at her request, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.


 } Witnesses,

At a regular session of the County Court of Cabell County, West Virginia, held at the Court House thereof, on the 14th day of September, 1936, the following order was made and entered:

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROBATE OF THE

Last Will and Testament of Sue T. Branch, deceased.

This day was presented in open Court for probate a paper writing signed by Sue T. Branch and witnessed by J. R. Branch and R. L. Sanders bearing date the 7th day of March, 1931

which said writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Sue T. Branch, now deceased, and no one appearing and objecting to the probate of said writing, and the said writing being duly proven by the oath of J. R. Branch and R. L. Sanders

the Sue T. Branch subscribing witness ^{es} thereto, the said witnesses testifying that the said Sue T. Branch signed the said paper writing in their presence, declaring the same to be ^{her} his Last Will and Testament and requesting them to sign the same as attesting witnesses thereto, and that they signed the said paper writing in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other as attesting witnesses thereto. It is therefore ordered that the said writing be and the same is hereby duly probated and ordered to be recorded as and for the true Last Will and Testament of Sue T. Branch, deceased.

Teste: F. A. Ware, Clerk, C. C. C.

By W. G. Crawford, Deputy

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, CABELL COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

I, Keith L. Arthur, Clerk of said court, do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true and correct copy and transcript from the record of my office aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at Huntington, West
Virginia, this the 25 day of August, 19 69

At page 149 Book 11

KEITH L. ARTHUR, Clerk, C. C. C.

By Marlene Fowble Deputy



G. A. Branch
457- Linden Circle, City

BOOK 247 PAGE 678

FULL AND COMPLETE RELEASE

THIS RELEASE, Made and entered into this 16th day of January, 1962, by and between WILLIAM R. FENIMORE and AGNES FENIMORE, husband and wife, hereinafter referred to as the parties of the first part, and G. A. BRANCH, hereinafter referred to as the party of the second part.

WHEREAS, some difference has arisen between the parties hereto growing out of the provisions of the Last Will and Testament of Sue T. Branch, deceased, said will being of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Cabell County, West Virginia, in Will Book No. 11, at page 149; and,

WHEREAS, by decree entered in the Circuit Court of Cabell County, West Virginia, on January 6, 1951, in the case of The Board of Education of the County of Cabell, a corporation, vs. William Norwood Branch and Gideon Alston Branch et al, certain proceeds from the sale of real estate were delivered to the said party of the second part, for himself and others, including Agnes Fenimore; and,

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to make a full settlement of any and all claims the said Agnes Fenimore has or may have against the party of the second part;

NOW, THEREFORE, WITNESSETH: That, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty-five Hundred & No/100 Dollars (\$2500.00), cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part do hereby release any and all claims and causes of action they have or may have against the party of the second part arising out of the estate of the said Sue T.

Branch, deceased, and any and all claims and causes of action they may have against the party of the second part arising out of the proceeds of the sale of real estate to The Board of Education of the County of Cabell, a corporation, under the provisions of the aforesaid Order entered in the Circuit Court of Cabell County, West Virginia, on January 6, 1951, and the parties of the first part further covenant to and with the party of the second part that they will not at any time institute any legal action against the party of the second part on account of the aforementioned causes of action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands and seals this 16th day of January, 1962.

Agnes Fenimore (SEAL)
Agnes Fenimore

William R. Fenimore (SEAL)
William R. Fenimore

G. A. Branch (SEAL)
G. A. Branch

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF Del Norte, TO-WIT:

I, Beth W. Milton, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that William R. Fenimore and Agnes Fenimore, husband and wife, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date the 16th day of January, 1962, have each this day personally acknowledged the same before me in my said County.

Given under my hand this 19 day of Jan, 1962.

My commission expires BETH W. MILTON
~~My Commission Expires March 28, 1965~~

BETH W. MILTON
My Commission Expires March 28, 1965

Beth W. Milton
Notary Public



BOOK 247 PAGE 680

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
COUNTY OF CABELL, TO-WIT:

I, Mildred L. Hall, a Notary Public within
and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that
G. A. BRANCH, whose name is signed to the foregoing and hereto
annexed writing, bearing date the 16th day of January, 1962, has
this day personally acknowledged the same before me in my said
County.

Given under my hand this 22 day of Jan., 1962.

My commission expires August 20, 1965.



Mildred L. Hall
Notary Public

KEITH L. ARTHUR
Mar 7 1 54 PM 1962
CABELL COUNTY CLERK

WEST VIRGINIA, CABELL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE MAR 7 1962
This instrument was this day presented in my office, and thereupon,
together with the certificate thereto annexed, is admitted to record.
TESTE: Keith L. Arthur CLERK, CABELL COUNTY COURT.

Release BOOK No. 247 A TRUE COPY FROM THE RECORD
PAGE No. 678 TESTE: KEITH L. ARTHUR
Aug. 25, 1969 CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT OF
CABELL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
BY: Marlene Fow DEPUTY

FULL AND COMPLETE RELEASE

BOOK 247 PAGE 586

G. A. Branch
457- Linden Circle, City

THIS RELEASE, Made and entered into this 2nd day of January, 1962, by and between ETTA NULL and SAM E. NULL and ADA RENE NULL, husband and wife, hereinafter referred to as the parties of the first part, and G. A. BRANCH, hereinafter referred to as the party of the second part.

WHEREAS, some difference has arisen between the parties hereto growing out of the provisions of the Last Will and Testament of Sue T. Branch, deceased, said will being of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Cabell County, West Virginia, in Will Book No. 11, at page 149; and,

WHEREAS, by decree entered in the Circuit Court of Cabell County, West Virginia, on January 6, 1951, in the case of The Board of Education of the County of Cabell, a corporation, vs. William Norwood Branch and Gideon Alston Branch et al, certain proceeds from the sale of real estate were delivered to the said party of the second part, for himself and others, including Etta Null; and,

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to make a full settlement of any and all claims the said Etta Null has or may have against the party of the second part;

NOW, THEREFORE, WITNESSETH: That, for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred & No/100 Dollars (\$500.00), cash in hand paid, and other sums heretofore paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part do hereby release any and all claims and causes of action they have or may have against the party of the second part arising out of the

estate of the said Sue T. Branch, deceased, and any and all claims and causes of action they may have against the party of the second part arising out of the proceeds of the sale of real estate to The Board of Education of the County of Cabell, a corporation, under the provisions of the aforesaid Order entered in the Circuit Court of Cabell County, West Virginia, on January 6, 1951, and the parties of the first part further covenant to and with the party of the second part that they will not at any time institute any legal action against the party of the second part on account of the aforementioned causes of action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands and seals this 2nd day of January, 1962.

Etta L Null (SEAL)
Etta Null

Samuel E Null (SEAL)
Sam E. Null

Ada Rene Null (SEAL)
Ada Rene Null

G. A. Branch (SEAL)
G. A. Branch

STATE OF TENNESSEE,
COUNTY OF Shelby, TO-WIT:

I, Ramona M Dacwell a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that ETNA NULL and SAM E. NULL and ADA RENE NULL, husband and wife, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date the 2nd day of January, 1962, have each this day personally acknowledged the same before me in my said County.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 11th day of January, 1962.

My commission expires My Commission Expires March 25, 1963

(SEAL)

Ramona M Dacwell
Notary Public

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
COUNTY OF CABELL, TO-WIT:

I, Charles A. Clack, a Notary Public within
and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that
G. A. BRANCH, whose name is signed to the foregoing and hereto
annexed writing, bearing date the 2nd day of January, 1962, has
this day personally acknowledged the same before me in my said
County.

Given under my hand this 15th day of January, 1962.
My commission expires March 15, 1970.

Charles A. Clack
Notary Public

KEITH L. ARTHUR
Mar 1 2 36 PM 1962
CABELL COUNTY CLERK

WEST VIRGINIA, CABELL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE MAR 1 1962
This instrument was this day presented in my office, and thereupon,
together with the certificate therein annexed, is admitted to record.
TESTE: Keith L. Arthur CLERK, CABELL COUNTY COURT.

Release

BOOK No. 247

A TRUE COPY FROM THE RECORD

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TESTE: KEITH L. ARTHUR
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT OF
CABELL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Aug. 25, 1969

BY: Marlene Fowb DEPUTY

723 Hen^r County Henry the first W^d 1674

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Branch send being
in a sickly & decayed condition but of sound & perfect memory
do make & ordaine this my last Will & Testam^t in
manner & forme following

First I will & bequeath my soul to Almighty God who gave it
hoping in his mercy to receive full & free pardon and
absolution & Remission of all my sins & my Body to
be turned to the dust from whence it came & to be buried
at the discretion of my Ex^{ors} hereafter named

^{my} I give to my three sons Thomas Mathew & James five
shillings a piece & all the rest of my Goods & Chattels
I give to my loving Wife Elizabeth but if my wife
should depart this life before me then all my goods
& Chattels to be equally divided between my three sons
afores^d & only I give to my two Daughters Elizabeth
Richardson & Martha Ward five Shillings to each of
them to buy each of them a Ring, I do hereby Ordaine
& constitute my loving Wife Elizabeth whole & sole
Ex^{or} of this my last Will & Testam^t as voking all
other Wills & Testam^{ts} formerly made by me In
Witness whereof I the sd Thomas Branch send have
hereunto sett my hand & seal this 25 day of 8^r

Anno Regni Regis Jacobi 2^o quarto Annoq; Domini 1694

signed sealed and
published in presence of
James Glover;
Christopher Branch
Ann Branch

Thomas Branch Seal

Henrico County Feb: 1^o 1694

Proved in Court by his oaths of Christo-
pher Branch & Ann Branch two of
the subscribed witnesses to be the last
will & Testament of the subscribed Tho:
Branch and that he was at the time of
making them of in sound & perfect memory
to the best of their knowledge
Teste James Glover Clerk

November the 26th, 1694

These presents shall witness that Robert Smith hath
delivered the part that Thomas Holmes decd left unto
his daughter Mary by Will & Testament one French-
marked with M H one Cow & her increase two Pewee
dishes & two Slaves according as the Will mentions
whereof I give him a full discharge from under my hand

Thomas Childers

Henrico County Feb: 1^o 1694

Acknowledged in Court by the subscribed Thomas
Childers his entered among the Records of this
County
Teste James Glover Clerk

In the name of God Amen

William Branch senior of the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, do this twenty fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety three, make and publish my last Will and Testament ~~in manner and form following~~ that is to say. I purpose to give & recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it me, and my body to the Earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned, and touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner. Item It is my Will and desire that all my just debts be first paid out of the whole of my estate by my Executors hereafter named. Item I lend to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Branch, as long as she shall remain my Widow, the use of the plantation wherupon I now live, containing one hundred Acres of Land, and also the use of two negroes, viz, Sarah and Ned, & ten pounds Virginia money to be applied for the use of buying a Horse, three Cows & Calves, two feather Beds & furniture, three Sows and pigs, six head of sheep, all the Geese, one loom & Sear, all of my spinning wheel & Cards, and one flax huckle. And after her death or marriage, all that I have lent to my said Wife both Land and personal estate I give, demise and bequeath to my son Nicholas Branch, to him his heirs and assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath to my son John Branch one negro boy called by the name of George, to him his heirs & assigns forever. Item I give to my daughter Ann Shupellin, five shillings current Money of the State of North Carolina, exclusive of what I have already heretofore given to her, to her, her heirs and assigns forever. Item I lend to my daughter Elizabeth Marshall, the use of four negroes viz, Minny, Beck, Violet and Sarah, as long as she, the said Elizabeth Marshall lives a natural life, & at her death, the aforesaid negroes and their increase

to be at her own disposal, to give them & their increase to whom she pleases. Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Jane Overstreet one Chint's pattern for a Town & five shillings Current money of the State of North Carolina exclusive of what I have heretofore already given her, to her, her heirs and assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha Dillard fifteen pounds Virginia Money exclusive of what I have already given to her heretofore, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Scurtok two Negroes viz. Annaca and little Doll, to her, her heirs and assigns forever

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Hill three Negroes viz. Bibb, Ethier & Lewis and ten pounds Virginia Money to her, her heirs and assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath to my Son Nicholas Branch, all the residue and remaining part of my land containing eight hundred Acres be the same more or less and also I give and bequeath to my said Son Nicholas Branch all the remaining part of my Negroes that I have not already given away viz. Phill, David, Chaney, old Hannah, old Peter and all the residue & remaining part of my estate of every kind whatever to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly I do hereby make & ordain my Worthy friend John Branch and ~~William Branch~~ Executor of this my last will & Testament revoking and disannuling all other wills heretofore by me made & ratifying this & no other to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I the said William Branch have to this my last will and Testament set my hand & seal the day & year first above written signed, sealed, published & declared by the said ~~William Branch~~ William Branch the Testator as his last will and Testament, in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof — James Matthews
William Diller



No Branch 2nd

Madison County Pa

February 24th 1794 This title was
then exhibited in open court and duly proved by the
Oaths of William Puller and James Matthews, two of
the subscribing witnesses thereto and On motion Ordered to
be Recorded whosoever John Branch the Executor in the
said title named came in and was duly qualified thus

Witness
J. Long Co's

are to
my Daugh-
& five
line exclu
in, her heirs
Daughters
exclusive
her heirs

Scourlock
her

Three Negroes
to her
to my
part of
more or less
branches
already
& later
every kind

John Branch
& Testimony

made &
in witness
thereof and
written



William Brewster Jun

Wife

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Quod

In the Name of God Amen I William Branch
being sick but of sound mind and disposing me-
mory do make and ordain this my last will &
testament - my will & desire is that all my just
debts should be paid them I give and bequeath unto
my grand son Samuel Branch the land and plantation
I now live in with the orchard where my son

Samuel Branch lives place called the Sandman
field about two Negroes Michael & Peter also a still
& bed & furniture

Item I give and bequeath unto my son William
Branch the land and plantation he now lives on
except the orchard called Sandman's field to
exceed one hundred and twelve acres

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lucy
Saurbeck two Negroes girls by the name of Ann
& Amy my will & desire is that if my Daughter
Lucy dies without leaving an heir lawfully begot-
ten that the two negroes Ann & Amy descend to
my grand son Samuel Branch

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Sarah B.
Branch one Negroe girl by the name of Gilley
one feather bed & furniture & chest if my Daughter
Sarah dies without leaving an heir or heirs law-
fully begotten my will is that the said Gilley
descend to my son Samuel Branch

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth
Meritt five shillings - Item I give and bequeath
to my grand son John Bayesian Branch one horse
one bed and a good suit of clothes

William Branch, Esq.

Mill

James B. Douglas

Recorded
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State of North Carolina,

Warren COUNTY.

Office of Register of Deeds,

March 2nd 1886

To any Orained Minister of any Religious Denomination or any Justice of the Peace of said County:

R. B. Robertson having applied to me for a LICENSE for the Marriage of W. L. Branch of Warren Co., aged 43 years, color white the son of Washington Branch and Martha Branch the father now living, the mother dead, resident of

And S. S. Robertson of Warren Co. aged 21 years, color white, daughter of S. B. Robertson and Emily Robertson the father living, the mother living, resident of Warren

* And the written consent of the of the said to the proposed marriage having been filed with me.

And there being no legal impediment to such marriage known to me, you are hereby authorized, at any time within one year from the date hereof, to celebrate the proposed marriage at any place within the said county.

You are required, within two months after you shall have celebrated such marriage, to return this License to me, at my office, with your signature subscribed to the certificate under this License, and with the blanks therein filled according to the facts, under penalty of forfeiting two hundred dollars to the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

M. S. Thomson Register of Deeds.

- 1. Name of person applying for license. 2. Name of man to be married in full. 3. Residence. 4. Age. 5. White or colored. 6. Father of man to be married. 7. Mother of man to be married.

- 8. Living or dead. 9. Living or dead. 10. Residence if known, if not, state unknown. 11. Name of woman to be married in full. 12. Residence. 13. Age. 14. White or colored.

- 15. Father's name. 16. Mother's name. 17. Living or dead. 18. Living or dead. 19. Residence if known, if not, state unknown. *If both parties are over 18 years of age, strike out.

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being duly sworn, says: That the parties applying for License are of lawful age, and that so far as he is informed and believes, there is no lawful cause or impediment forbidding said marriage.

Witness:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Warren COUNTY.

I R. B. Robertson, a Justice of the Peace united in Matrimony W. L. Branch and S. S. Robertson the parties licensed above, on the 5 day of March, 1886, at the residence of S. S. Robertson in Fishing Creek Township, in said County, according to law.

*Witnesses present at Marriage:

W. H. Robertson of Warren T. B. Robertson of S. S. Temple W. Cause of S. S.

1 Name of person officiating. 2 If minister, of what denomination, if Justice of the Peace, so state. 3 Name of man married. 4 Name of woman married. 5 Place of marriage. 6 Township. *At least three persons present at marriage must sign as witnesses.

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY
REFER TO O.R.D.

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1956.

Respectfully returned to

Agnes E. Branch,
Box 513,
Logan,
West Virginia.

The records show that Washington L. Branch, private, Company L, 15th Regiment North Carolina Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted May 20, 1861, at Louisburg, North Carolina, age 20 years, residence, Franklin County, N.C.

This company was transferred to the 32nd Regiment North Carolina Infantry, C.S.A., by Special Order dated July 4, 1862, becoming (2nd) Company K of that regiment, and Muster Roll of that Company for July and August, 1862, shows him present.

He was captured May 10, 1864, at Mine Run, Virginia, and paroled at Point Lookout, Maryland, February 18, 1865. "Received at Bouwarde & Cox Wharf, James River, about February 20, 1865, by the Confederate Agent of Exchange."

His name appears on Muster Roll of a detachment of paroled and exchanged prisoners at Camp Lee, near Richmond, Virginia, dated February 23, 1865, which shows him present, a Corporal.

No later record of him has been found.

5¢ stamp returned herewith.

1 Inc.

E. J. Conley
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By *H. L. J.*

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA: *Franklin* COUNTY.

WE acknowledge ourselves indebted to the STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, in the sum of five hundred pounds: but to be void on condition that there is no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage between *Washington Branch* _____ and *Maria Anna Lewis* - for whom a license now issues.

Witness our hands and seals, this *11* day of *May* 18*39*

WITNESSES,

S. K. Thomas

Washington Branch
John E. Thomas

1014892

Halifax Co., NC, Minute Docket 1784-1787,
1796-1802, 1822-1824

Appointed Court of Pleas & quarter sessions

3rd ¹⁵ Mon. Nov. 1784

- [& many thereafter]

John Branch Sen

Egbert Haywood

John Justice

Thomas Tell Sen

William Branch Sen

Willis Aubston

John Whitaker

Esquires Justices

[note: In attendance records
for individual days
the Sen. often left off]

... ? Feb 1785?

p.27 Ordered that John Brickle Egbert Haywood & John Branch
be appointed as commissioners for letting the Building
of a Bridge across Beach Swamp near Enfield Court house
& report

John Branch Esq^r app^d of said he had in his
possession one negroe named Jack no owner & unknown

Among those to attend Superior Court in April 1785 as jurors:
William Branch Jun^r
John Branch

16 May 1785 (third Monday)

... ordered that David Warborough aged Eleven years the
27th day of next December, be bound unto Bartles Moreland to learn
the trade of wheelwright, until he arrive at lawful age

May 1785

John Bradford, John Branch & others appointed to audit & settle guardianships acct of William Walker . . .

ordered that Samuel Yarborough be appointed overseer of road in place ^{& stead} of Arthur Long

among ¹³ justices appointed to take list of tithables in 15 districts:
John Branch for District No 10

Aug 1785

Court appoints William Branch Jun^r overseer of the road in place of John Brickle,

from Shett to John Harvey proved by Drury Thompson

Tax lists returned by appointees, among them:

John Branch District No 10

William Branch Sen a security on bond for Thomas Fearlock, Inspector of Tobacco.

Deed of John Barnett & wife to John Branch proved by Robert Carstoph

[Adopted over land deeds]

p. 69 21 Nov. 1785 (Third Monday)

John Branch & William Branch, "Cognized" among those to audit, settle, & divide estate of Thomas Nicholson

[Note: a formal probate appears in 1785 & 1786 records]

p. 90 ordered that negro Jack a runaway, now in possession

of Col. John Branch be delivered up [to] the present

Sherriff and to find out whether to set of account by

for the benefit of the County.

Feb. 1786

John Branch et al reported that they had set the building of the bridge to Mathew C. Whitaker, born at "under the"

#110 & completed name

John Branch appointed overseer of the road in place of [John] & George Pope [did not check back to identify road]

John Bradford, John Branch, Esq. & others appointed

commissioners to set the building and repairing the

bridges over Burncroft Swamp near Enfield old Courthouse and report of

May 1786

John Branch Esq. to take up list for District No. 2 & 10

p. 152 John Branch among those whose signature appears on adjournment of May 1786 Court.

Aug. 1786

Charles Anderson appointed guardian
Elizabeth Robertson & Heydon Robertson, orphans of
Heydon Robertson

p. 156 John Branch, John Whitaker Esq^s, appointed commissioners to act in conjunction with commissioners of Edgecomb County to let building of bridge over Fishing Creek near the "Baptist Meeting House"

p. 169 State vs. Richard Yarbrough. Found "guilty of the charge laid in the indictment". Has nothing to say "but what he has said - to receive thirtyone lashes on his bare back at the public whipping post to be executed immediately and stand committed until all costs for his prosecution be settled"

Nov 1786 11th year of our Independence"

Samuel Yarbrough among those to divide estate of Parker Hopkins
Col. Branch among others to divide estate of J^m Lane
Instrument, in writing Richard Yarbrough to Mary Williams exhibited and proved by James Yarbrough a witness etc,

p. 188 signature of John Branch

At most adjournments justices did not sign

Involvement for 1795 — also on list for 1796

Richard Yarborough in Dist No 5 on John Debary List

John Yarborough " " No 6 " " "

Sep 1796

Feb. 1797

Ordinary license granted to Nicholas Lewis at his dwelling house

bond of \$100

?
May 1797

John Branch still Esquire Justice

Nicholas Branch on jury

Jno Branch vs. Willie Mays found for plaintiff

No. 60

?
June 1797

John Branch among those summoned to give testimony

Report of commissioners re bridge over Fishing Creek,

John Branch, Esquire, come into court for report

[stopped real survey at end of 1796
took quick look at later years]

1799 John Branch still justice

This would be son of former John Branch

1822 John Branch was foreman of grand jury

not in 1823

difficult script & abm

A County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions held
for the County of Worcester at the Courthouse in Worcester
Town on the third Monday in November, being the fiftieth
day of the same month Anno 1744 the 9th year of
our Independence

Court kept according to adjournment

Present

Montagu Clarke J. Esquire Justice

Court adjourned until the 7th of October

Court met according to adjournment

Present

John Branch Jnr

Robert Hayward

John Justice

Thomas Tabb Jnr

William Branch Jnr

Willis Aulston

John Whetstone

Esquires Justices

Ordered that Shadrach Nuttall, Bartholomew Burns, Isaac Riches
& Brethren together or any three of them View an acre of
James Burns's Land, agreeable to a petition of Samuel Whetstone
for the purpose of raising a Water griff Mill &c and
report these proceedings to the next Court =

An Inventory of the estate of Jos John Aulston dead intestate
returned on oath by James Whetstone one of the executors
On Motion ordered to be registered

Rates for the several Following Ferries
 Duck Creek Ferry, Lakes Ferry, Davis
 Ferry, Harris Ferry, Edwards Ferry and
 Griffiths Ferry

for each loaded Wagon	4
empty ditto	4
loaded cart	4
empty ditto	2
Passenger	1
Travelling Baggage	2
Man and Horse	2
Man and Horse	2
Horse and Cattle team	1 1/2
Ferries and Ship	1 1/2
Large Wagon	1 1/2
Large load of goods ye take out of	1 1/2
ditto	1 1/2

Ordered that John Jones John Branch James
 Matthews William Branch and Joseph Knight
 be and they are appointed to settle
 and divide the estate of Winford Knight and
 payable to the said decedent's wife also to
 examine and settle the indebtedness account of
 said decedent and report of

Court approved and attested
 Court Clerk

Matthew
 James
 Joseph
 John

May 1786 Court A. Government
 Halifax Co., North Carolina

Ordered that a Tax of One Shilling & Six pence be laid on every Acre and a Tax of Six pence on every Hundred acres of land & a Tax of One Shilling & Six pence on every Hundred pounds assessable property in the County of Halifax for the year 1785

The Sheriff & my Deputies appointed Constables to attend next Sessions

The Court appoints William Beach Justice of the Peace & my Deputies to be appointed Justices in Sessions 1785

The Juddy Begun Sheriff of Halifax County returned an Acre. Court. and accounts Current with the said County for the year 1785, which was examined and approved of by the Court and there appearing to be a balance of Eleven pounds Sixteen shillings & Six pence due the said County and the Petition is to be Recorded.

Court adjourned until
Next in Court
Montfort Elliott
Chas. Newton
Good Davis
Wm. Beane

Tennessee

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North Carolina Grants

photocopied Grant # 855 + # 857

State of North Carolina
 No 87. Whereas it is that we have granted unto John Smith
 acres of land in the County of Wayne in the State of North Carolina
 from Nashville to the Chickamauga River beginning at a forking place
 heading South East corner then South six hundred and fifty paces
 to a large Sugar tree three East twelve hundred and fifty paces to a
 large three hundred and forty paces to a white spruce
 East twelve hundred and fifty paces to the Government which to the
 said John Smith his heirs and assigns forever dated the 17th day of June
 1790
 J. Glasgow Secretary
 Alex. Martin

State of North Carolina
 No 88. Whereas it is that we have granted unto John Smith
 acres of land in the County of Wayne in the State of North Carolina
 from Nashville to the Chickamauga River beginning at a forking place
 heading South East corner then South six hundred and fifty paces
 to a large Sugar tree three East twelve hundred and fifty paces to a
 large three hundred and forty paces to a white spruce
 East twelve hundred and fifty paces to the Government which to the
 said John Smith his heirs and assigns forever dated the 17th day of June
 1790
 J. Glasgow Secretary
 Alex. Martin

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 1790
 J. Glasgow Secretary
 Alex. Martin

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Branch Washington D

Co. L, 15 North Carolina Inf.
(Formerly 5 N. C. Infantry, Vols.)
(Confederate.)

Private | Private

CARD NUMBERS.

1	4815-42786	20
2	2890	21
3	2990	22
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Number of medical cards herein _____

Number of personal papers herein _____

BOOK MARK: _____

See also 32 N. C. Inf.

B | 15 | N. C.

Washington L Branch
Pvt., Co. L, { 5 Reg't North Carolina
Infantry (Volunteers).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for June 12, 1861, when mustered
into service, to June 30, 1861.

Enlisted: When May 20, 1861.

Where Louisburg, N.C.

By whom W. F. Green

Period

Last paid: By whom

To what time, 1861

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

The 5th Regiment North Carolina Infantry (Volunteers) was organized in June, 1861, with twelve companies, A to M. Its designation was changed to the 15th Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops) by S. O. No. 222, A. & I. G. O., dated November 14, 1861.

Companies L and M were transferred to the 32d Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops) by S. O. No. 154, A. & I. G. O., dated July 4, 1862, becoming (2d) Company K and (2d) Company I, respectively, of that regiment.

Book mark:

T. D. McLean

B | 15 | N. C.

Washington L Branch
Pvt., Co. L, { 5 Reg't North Carolina
Infantry (Volunteers).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for July & Aug., 1861.

Enlisted: When May 20, 1861.

Where Louisburg, N.C.

By whom W. F. Green

Period 12

Last paid: By whom

To what time, 1861

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

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Book mark:

T. D. McLean

B | 15 | N. C.

W. L. Branch
Pvt., Co. L, { 15 Reg't North Carolina
Infantry (State Troops).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for May & June, 1862

Enlisted: When May 21, 1861.

Where Louisburg, N.C.

By whom W. F. Green

Period 1 year

Last paid: By whom Capt. Thomas

To what time May 1, 1862

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

The 5th Regiment North Carolina Infantry (Volunteers) was organized in June, 1861, with twelve companies, A to M. Its designation was changed to the 15th Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops) by S. O. No. 222, A. & I. G. O., dated November 14, 1861.

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Book mark:

T. D. McLean

(Confederate.)

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N. C.

Washington L. Branch

Pr, Co. K, } 32 Regiment
North Carolina Troops.

Appears on a

Roll of Honor*

of the organization named above.

County Franklin

Date of entrance into service May 10, 1861.

Age 20; Vol. or Conscript Vol.

Died or discharged, and when

Remarks: Promoted to Corporal
July 1862.

*Compiled in the Office of the Adjutant General of the State of North Carolina in accordance with resolutions ratified by the General Assembly of that State on December 20, 1862.

This card was made from the original record borrowed from the Adjutant General of North Carolina.—M. S. 1043147.

L. E. Fehl

(677)

Copyist.

(CONFEDERATE.)

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S. C.

W. L. Branch
capt Co. K 32 South Carolina

Appears on

Muster Roll

of a detachment of paroled and exchanged prisoners at Camp Lee, near Richmond, Va.,

for dated Feb 23, 1865,

Enlisted:

When May, 1861.

Where Lewisburg

By whom Capt Green

Period war

Last paid:

By whom Capt Frenzel

To what time Dec 31, 1863.

Present or absent present

Remarks:

Roll 97

Book mark:

J. Nelson

(642)

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Copyist.

(CONFEDERATE)

W. L. Branch
Co. K, 32 N.C. Inf

Appears on a

RECEIPT ROLL

for clothing, 5 Div Gen Hosp.

Camp Wm., 1863.

Date of issue Dec 22, 1863.

Signature

Remarks:

Roll No.

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Copyist.

(CONFEDERATE.)

W. L. Branch
32 N C Regt., Inf.
Co. K

Appears on a

RECEIPT ROLL

for clothing,

for 1 Cr., 1864.

Date of issue, 1864.

Signature

Remarks:

Roll No.

Gross Copyist.

Branch Washington L

Co. K, 32 North Carolina Inf.

(Formerly 1 Batt'n North Carolina Inf.)

(Confederate.)

Private Corporal

CARD NUMBERS.

1	48750964	20
2	1031	21
3	1098	22
4	1159	23
5	1216	24
6	1290	25
7	1324	26
8	1378	27
9	1430	28
10	1450	29
11	1530	30
12	1591	31
13	1653	32
14	2419	33
15	49117469	34
16	47662240	35
17	45067453	36
18		37
19		38

Number of medical cards herein

Number of personal papers herein

BOOK MARK:

See also 15 N. C. Inf.

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W. L. Branch

Pos. } (2d) Company K,
32 Reg't North Carolina Infantry
(State Troops).*

Appears on
Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,
for July & Aug, 1862.

Enlisted:
When May 20, 1861.

Where Louisburg N. C.

By whom W. F. Green

Period 1 year

Last paid:
By whom Capt. Frensch

To what time June 30, 1862.

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

*This company formerly served as Company L, 5th Regiment North Carolina Volunteers (subsequently 15th Regiment North Carolina State Troops), and was transferred to this regiment July 12, 1862, by S. O. No. 154, A. & I. G. O., dated July 4, 1862.

The 1st Battalion North Carolina Infantry was organized about October, 1861. Later other companies were added and the designation changed to the 32d Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Book mark:

W. L. Branch

B 32 N.C.

W. L. Branch

1st Capt. { (2d) Co. K, 32 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Mar. and Apr., 1863, dated May 1, 1863

Enlisted:

When May 20, 1861

Where Louisburg, N.C.

By whom W. F. Green

Period 1 year.

Last paid:

By whom Capt. Trensley

To what time Mar. 1st, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

The 1st Battalion North Carolina Infantry was organized about October, 1861. Later other companies were added and the designation changed to the 32d Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Book mark:

J. P. Stirewalt Copyist.

B 32 N.C.

W. L. Branch

1st Capt. { (2d) Co. K, 32 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Jan. and Feb., 1863.

Enlisted:

When May 20, 1861

Where Louisburg, N.C.

By whom Wm F. Green

Period 12 mos.

Last paid:

By whom Capt. Trensley

To what time Jan. 1st, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

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Book mark:

J. P. Stirewalt Copyist.

B 32 N.C.

W. L. Branch

2 Corp. { (2d) Co. K, 32 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Nov. & Dec., 1862.

Enlisted:

When 20 May, 1861

Where Louisburg

By whom W. F. Green

Period 1 year

Last paid:

By whom Capt. Trensley

To what time Nov. 1, 1862.

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

The 1st Battalion North Carolina Infantry was organized about October, 1861. Later other companies were added and the designation changed to the 32d Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Book mark:

W. W. Hubbard Copyist.

B 32 N.C.

W. L. Branch

3 Corp. { (2d) Co. K, 32 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Sept. & Oct., 1862.

Enlisted:

When 20 May, 1861

Where Louisburg, N.C.

By whom W. F. Green

Period 12 mos.

Last paid:

By whom Capt. Trensley

To what time 30 Aug., 1862.

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

The 1st Battalion North Carolina Infantry was organized about October, 1861. Later other companies were added and the designation changed to the 32d Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Book mark:

W. W. Hubbard Copyist.

W. L. Branch

1 Corp, { (2d) Co. K, 32 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Nov & Dec, 1863.

Enlisted: When May 20, 1861.

Where Louisville, N. C.

By whom W. F. Green

Period 1 year

Last paid: By whom Capt. Frensley

To what time Nov 1, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

The 1st Battalion North Carolina Infantry was organized about October, 1861. Later other companies were added and the designation changed to the 32d Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Book mark:

R. W. Buckley

W. L. Branch

1 Corp, { (2d) Co. K, 32 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Sept & Oct, 1863.

Enlisted: When May 20, 1861.

Where Louisville, N. C.

By whom W. F. Green

Period 1 year

Last paid: By whom Capt. Frensley

To what time Aug 30, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

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Book mark:

R. W. Buckley

W. L. Branch

1st Corp, { (2d) Co. K, 32 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for July and Aug., 1863.

Enlisted: When May 20, 1861.

Where Louisville, N. C.

By whom W. F. Green

Period 1 year

Last paid: By whom Capt. Frensley

To what time June 30, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

The 1st Battalion North Carolina Infantry was organized about October, 1861. Later other companies were added and the designation changed to the 32d Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Book mark:

J. P. Stremwalt

W. L. Branch

1st Corp, { (2d) Co. K, 32 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for May & June, 1863.

Enlisted: When May 20, 1861.

Where Louisville, N. C.

By whom W. F. Green

Period 1 yr

Last paid: By whom Capt. Frensley

To what time April 30, 1863.

Present or absent present

Remarks:

The 1st Battalion North Carolina Infantry was organized about October, 1861. Later other companies were added and the designation changed to the 32d Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Book mark:

T. E. Sewell

W. L. Branch

1 Corp., { (2d) Co. K, 32 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Jan 9 Feb, 1865.

Enlisted:

When May 20, 1861.

Where Louisville, Ky.

By whom W. F. Green

Period 12 mos.

Last paid:

By whom Capt. Frensley

To what time Jan 1, 1864.

Present or absent Absent

Remarks: Captured May 10, 1864

The 1st Battalion North Carolina Infantry was organized about October, 1861. Later other companies were added and the designation changed to the 32d Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Book mark:

W. L. Branch

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1 Corp., { (2d) Co. K, 32 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Nov Dec, 1864.

Enlisted:

When May 20, 1861.

Where Louisville, Ky.

By whom W. F. Green

Period 12 mos.

Last paid:

By whom Capt. Frensley

To what time Jan 1, 1864.

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Enlisted:

When May 20, 1861.

Where Louisville, Ky.

By whom W. F. Green

Period 12 mos.

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By whom Capt. Frensley

To what time Jan 1, 1864.

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Book mark:

W. L. Branch

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Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Jan 7 Feb, 1864.

Enlisted:

When May 20, 1861.

Where Louisville, Ky.

By whom W. F. Green

Period 1 year

Last paid:

By whom Capt. Frensley

To what time Jan 1, 1864.

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

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Book mark:

W. L. Branch

(CONFEDERATE.)

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W. L. Branch
Corp. Co. K. 32 Reg't N.C.

Name appears as signature to a
Roll of Prisoners of War
paroled at Point Lookout, Md., Feb. 18, 1865.
Roll dated Headquarters St. Mary Dist., Point
Lookout, Md., Feb. 18, 1865.

Where captured *Mine Run Va*
When captured *May 10, 1864*

Remarks:

Roll indorsed: "Received at Boulwares & Cox Wharf, James River, Feb'y 20 and 21st, 1865, from Lt. Col. Jno. E. Mulford, U. S. Asst. Agt. for Exchange, Three Thousand and Thirty-eight (3038) paroled Confederate prisoners of war on this roll, including officers.—Ro. Ould, Agent of Exchange."

Number of roll:
73 sheet *34* *W. L. Branch*
(639b) Copyist.

Appears on a Register of
**Receiving and Wayside Hospital,
or General Hospital No. 9,
Richmond, Virginia.**
Admitted _____, 186
Disposition _____
Date _____, 186
Remarks: _____

Confed. Arch., Chap. 6, File No. 107, page _____
(635) 4805 Copyist.

(Confederate.)

B | *32* | *N.C.*
W. L. Branch
Corp., Co. K., 32 Reg't N.C.

Appears on a roll of
Prisoners of War
at Point Lookout, Md.

Date of arrival *Belle Plains, Va*
May 18, 1864
Where captured *Mine Run, Va*
When captured *May 10, 1864*
Remarks: *Exchanged Feb'y*
18, 1865

Point Lookout, Md., Register No. 1; page *47*
W. L. Branch
(567) Copyist.

(567) Copyist.

(Confederate.)

B | *32* | *N.C.*
Branch
Corp., Co. K., { 32 Reg't North Carolina
Infantry (State Troops).

Appears on
Regimental Return
of the organization named above,
for the month of *Dec.*, 1862.

Commissioned officers present and absent:

Station _____
Remarks: _____

Alterations since last return among the enlisted men:
Date _____, 186
Place _____
Remarks: _____

Enlisted men on Extra or Daily Duty:

Absent enlisted men accounted for:
On picket duty at
Chesterfield Co. Va.

The 1st Battalion North Carolina Infantry was organized about October, 1861. Later other companies were added and the designation changed to the 32d Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

J. Boyd
(644) Copyist.

(644) Copyist.

State of North Carolina,

HALIFAX COUNTY.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we *Wm Branch*

Branch of *J. J. B. Southall*
are held and firmly bound unto *Montfort Stokes* Esquire;
Governor, &c. or his Successors in Office, in the full sum of One Thousand Dollars, current
money, to be paid to the said Governor, his Successors or Assigns, for the which payment
well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administra-
tors, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals; and dated this

20th day of *July* Anno Domini, 183*2*

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH; That whereas the
above bounden *Wm Branch* hath made application for a License
for Marriage to be celebrated between him and *Rosannah Mann*
of the County aforesaid: Now, in case it shall not appear hereafter, that there is any lawful
cause or impediment to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above Obligation to be void; oth-
erwise to remain in full force and virtue,

Signed, sealed, and delivered, }
in the presence of

A. M. Mannell

Jos^s J. B. Southall
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one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, therefore let it be registered
given under my hand at office this 11th day of January A.D. 1845

G. F. Perry Clerk

The foregoing Deed of Trust came to hand for Registration about 12
o'clock A.M. this day and is accordingly duly truly Registered this
11th day of January A.D. 1845.

Attest. G. F. Perry Clerk

This Indenture made and entered into this twentieth day of January Eighteen Hundred
forty five, Between Washington Branch of The County of Franklin & State of North
Carolina of the first part and David M. Lewis of the County and State aforesaid
of the other part, Witnesseth that whereas the said Washington Branch stands
justly indebted to sundry persons as herein after described, (To wit, Wood J.
Johnson thirteen Hundred & Eighty nine dollars or thereabout with Interest on
the same from the 6th of May 1843. & on which Judgment was obtained at
December Term 1844 of Franklin County Court - to Richard Ward one
thousand and one dollars or thereabout bearing date the 1st of September
1844. with David M. Lewis as security - to say brough & Perry one thousand
& Eighty Eight dollars & fifty five Cents with Interest from the 1st of July
1844. to wit, the said Washington Branch also Five Hundred & much more dollars & forty

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eight Cents, with Interest from 1st Janry 1845 - To Willie Perry Thirty Three
dollars with Interest from 29th Decr 1844 - to Joseph Sims one Thousand
& Sixty dollars or Thereabout with John Gill security bearing date the 15th
June 1843 with Interest there from & subject to an endorsed Credit as will
appear by reference to said Note - also to said Joseph Sims one other Note
with John Gill security for Eighty-Two dollars & Sixty eight Cents or Thereabout
with Interest from 15th June 1842 - To Nicholas B. Maysenburg
Executor of John Gill one Hundred & four dollars & seventeen Cents dated
the 7th June 1844. Subject to a Credit of Eighty Six dollars & Eighty Three
Cents the 20th Janry 1845. To Nicholas B. Maysenburg Executor of John
Gill one Hundred & fifty five dollars due the 1st Janry 1845. with
John E. Thomas security - Also the farther sum of Sixty eight dollars
& fifty two Cents (with Interest & Cost on the same) or Thereabout being
an amount due on a Judgment in favor of C. J. Jones: to Shaw
& King Six Hundred & twenty five dollars or Thereabout - to A. H.
Davis one Hundred & fifty dollars Thereabout - to Ellis Malone one
Hundred dollars or Thereabout to A. H. Harrington one Hundred dollars
or Thereabout to James Collins Sixty dollars or Thereabout - which
said debts are due & owing by the said Washington Branch as appears
and the said Washington Branch hereby desires to secure the
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payment of the same Now Therefore This Indenture witnesseth, that
 for And in Consideration of the Premises, Together with the further Sum
 of Ten Dollars to the said Washington Branch in hand paid by the said
 David M Lewis the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged in full,
 he the said Washington Branch, hath granted bargained & sold and
 by these presents doth grant bargain sell & convey to the said
 David M Lewis a certain tract or parcel of Land Situate lying and
 being in the County of Franklin & State of North Carolina lying on
 the waters of Rich Land Creek adjoining the Lands of Wood J.
 Johnson & others being the tract on which Mrs Elizabeth Branch
 now resides containing about seven hundred & eighty nine acres:
 in which said Land the said Elizabeth Branch is entitled & possessed

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 M. Lewis
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of her dower or life Estate in & to about Two Hundred and sixty three
acres also the following (negro Slaves) Nancy (old) Guilford (blacksmith)
Norplet, Ben, Joe, Rhoda, Emily, Louisiana, Clancy, Helen, Nancy,
Sarah, Olive, Melba, Andrew, Alfred, Frank, Guilford (17), Caleb,
Celestia, William, Ella, Henry & Captain & their increase, to have
and to hold the Lands and Slaves as mentioned in the premises,
to him the said David M. Lewis his Heirs, Executors & administrators
in Fee Simple, forever, on Special Trust. And Confidenee never
the less, that the said David M. Lewis shall & will use and apply
the same to the uses and intents following (to wit) That if the aforesaid
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all legal Costs shall not be fully paid off & satisfied on or
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all legal costs shall not be fully paid off & satisfied on or
before the first day of February Eighteen Hundred forty five then
and in that case it shall be lawful & the duty of the said David
M. Lewis being then - unto required by one or more of the creditors
of the said Washington Branch, having first advertised the same
for the space of twenty days: to proceed to sell the Land & negro
Slaves as specified in the premises to the highest bidder for
for Cash or a credit as herein after specified that is to say, that
the negro Slaves be sold on a credit not exceeding six months -
that the Land be on a credit not exceeding twelve months,
Bonds to be taken in each case bearing interest from the
day of sale, - The said David M. Lewis is also farther
authorized and empowered should he find it to the advantage

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of the creditors herein named, to dispose of and sell the
Land mentioned in the premises at private sale for Cash
or on the Terms above named, He the said David or
Lewis is also authorized and empowered to dispose of &
sell the following (before mentioned Negro slaves)
Norfolk. Ben. Joe Louisiana, Sarah, William, Emily & child
& Calyer who are now in the County of McDowell, or
any portion of them at private sale for Cash - And
from the proceeds of such sale or sales to retain all
necessary expenses in executing this Trust as well
as to retain to his own proper use a Commission
of Two and a half per cent on the amount of sales

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Then to pay to the discharge of the before mentioned debts as herein after directed
First. to pay to Wood J. Hanson the amount of his debt & interest & cost on the
same herein before specified - Secondly, pay to Richard Ward, Richard
J. Garbrough & Perry & William Perry the amount of their respective
claims together with the interest on the same as herein before specified
Thirdly out of the residue pay to Joseph Sims and A. B. Massenburg the amount
of their respective claims together with the interest thereon as before mentioned -
Fourthly out of the residue to pay pro rata to the other claims herein before
mentioned - And after the satisfaction of all of the before mentioned
debts, if there should be any surplus remaining in his the said David
M. Lewis hands, that he pay pro rata to discharge any and all debts
due & owing by the said Washington Branch which may be presented to
the said David M. Lewis properly authenticated on or before the

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said David
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second Monday of March 1845, after which should there be
any surplus in his the said David M. Lewis, he pay the same to the
said Washington Branch or to his order, or to reserve the same to
the use and intents herein after directed, which is as follows
that the said David M. Lewis after the payment of all my debts as
directed in the premise, I empower & direct that the said David M.
Lewis should there be any amount from the sales aforesaid to
retain the same for considerations before mentioned in Trust for
the use and benefit of my wife Martha A. Branch & children.
The said David M. Lewis is also authorized and empowered to
dispose of & sell Negro Slave Guelford (Blacksmith), at private
sale for cash or the terms before mentioned: In making sale of
the land before specified the said David M. Lewis will sell subject
to the same conditions as to be had. 1. 1. To the

The use and benefit of my Wife Martha A. Branch & Children.
The said David M. Lewis is also authorized and empowered to
dispose of & sell Negro Slave Guilford (Blacksmith, at private
sale for cash or the terms before men-tioned: In making sale of
the land before specified the said David M. Lewis will sell subject
to the Dower as aforesaid & to possession of the balance until the 1st
January 1846. & in taking Bond for such sale he is authorized to
take the same bearing interest from the time that possession
is given of the portion outside of the Dower: In testimony whereof
the parties doth hereunto affix their hands & seals this day & date
above written

Attest,
W. M. Brendle

Washington Branch

D. M. Lewis

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State of North Carolina
Franklin County 3

I Certify that the Execution of
the foregoing Deed of Trust was duly proven before
me this day by the oath of William M B Bruders a
Subscribing Witness thereto therefore let it be Registered
Given under my hand at Office this 20th day of
January A.D. 1845

Wm J Ferry

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA: *Franklin* COUNTY.

WE acknowledge ourselves indebted to the STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, in the sum of five hundred pounds; but to be void on condition that there is no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage between *Washington Branch* and *Maria Anna Lewis* — for whom a license now issues.

Witness our hands and seals, this *11th* day of *May* 18*39*

WITNESS,

J. Platt

J. Platt

Washington Branch
John E. Thomas

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA: *Franklin* COUNTY

WE acknowledge ourselves indebted to the STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, in the sum of five hundred pounds; but to be void on condition that there is no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage between *Washington Branch* and *Martha Anna Lewis* - for whom a license now issues.

Witness our hands and seals, this *11th* day of *May* 18*39*

WITNESSES,

J. R. Pettus

Washington Branch
John & Thomas

Wm. C. Clanton

vs

Wm. J. Branch

and others

Original Bill

To Fall Term 1845

Bill amended according to

the order of last Term

March 31st 1846

I accept service
of process upon the
bill of

Wm. J. Branch
Wm. C. Clanton

Badger & Eaton

To the Honorable the Judge of the Court of Equity for
the County of Warren

The Bill of Complaint of William C. Blanton of said County,
Plaintiff, against William J. Branch of Franklin County,
and Alfred Alston, Edward Alston, ^{Wm. Burge} and Kemp Plummer,
all of Warren County, Defendants.

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honor your
Orator the said Wm. C. Blanton that at February
Term 1845 of Warren County Court he recovered a
judgment against one William Burge of the said
County for the sum of four hundred and ~~eighty~~ eight
dollars and 8 cents with interest thereon from the 1st
of January 1843 subject to a credit of seven dollars
and 81 cents on the 11th day of February 1845, besides
costs of suit, that the debt upon which said judg-
ment was obtained was secured by a bond dated
December 29th 1842 and payable on the first day of
January 1843 which bond was given for goods sold
by your Orator ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ prior to the first
of January 1842 and long before the execution of the
deed of trust hereinafter mentioned, and that your Or-
ator caused a writ of fieri facias to be issued upon
the said judgment, which has been returned by the
sheriff of Warren County "nothing found". And
your Orator avers that the whole amount so recovered
with the accruing interest upon the principal of
said judgment now remains wholly due and unpaid.
And your Orator submits to exhibit a proper exem-
plification of the record of said judgment whenever
required by the course of this Honorable Court. Further
complaining your Orator sheweth that on or about the
5th day of January 1843 the said Wm. Burge being
then indebted to divers other persons besides your Orator
and being unable to satisfy the demands of his creditors,
made and executed a deed of trust or assignment of
all his estate (in the said deed mentioned and specified)

to the defendant Kemp Plummer, for the alleged purpose of selling the said estate in the manner therein directed, and with the proceeds thereof discharging the debts recited in the deed in the order and mode therein directed. A copy of said deed your Orator hath exhibited with this his Bill and he prays that the same may be taken as a part thereof.

Your Orator shews that the said Kemp Plummer on the 10th day of February last sold as the trustee under the said deed all the property conveyed thereby for the gross amount of \$2689:24 or thereabouts, which he now holds on the securities taken therefor at the sale and which after deducting his commissions and the incidental charges attending the sale, he intends to apply in payment of the debts named in the said deed and according to the order therein declared.

Further complaining your Orator shews that the said Washington Branch and the said Mrs. Branch were very active and strenuous in their efforts to prevail upon the said Wm. Bunge to execute said deed as your orator has been informed and believes, and he is decidedly of the opinion, that said deed would never have been executed at all but for these exertions on their part. Your Orator has been informed and believes that the said deed was executed under the following circumstances.

For more than two years previous to the execution of the said deed the defendant Wm. J. Branch and Washington Branch had frequently and urgently requested the said Wm. Bunge whose wife is their sister to execute an assignment of his property, assuring him that if he would do so he should remain in the undisturbed possession and use of all his property for five years - and more particularly on the day before the execution of the said deed the said Bunge was advised by them that if he would

execute a deed such as they desired, he should remain in the possession, use and enjoyment of all his estate for five years, and that no sale under the deed should be made, during that period of time. The said Wm Bunge then yielded and upon this promise as often made and then renewed agreed to do as they desired. Your Orator has been informed and believes that on the evening of the day before that on which the deed of trust bears date, the said Wm Bunge proposed to consult your Orator as to the propriety of making a deed of trust upon his property and as to the provision which should be made in the deed to secure his ~~debt~~ ^{debt}, but this proposal was strongly opposed by the said Wm: J. Branch and the said Washington Branch, and by earnest persuasion they prevailed upon the said Wm Bunge not to mention the subject to your Orator. Your Orator has also been informed and believes that the said Wm: J. Branch and the said Washington Branch have repeatedly declared that their object in ~~procuring~~ ^{procuring} the execution of the said deed, was to prevent other creditors from selling the property of the said Wm Bunge. Your Orator charges that the promise and assurance herein before stated to have been made by the said Wm: J. Branch and the said Washington Branch constituted the leading and influential consideration with the said Wm Bunge to execute the said deed, that but for this he would not have executed the same, and that his object in yielding to the wishes and entreaties of the said Wm: J. Branch and the said Washington Branch was to secure to himself the use and enjoyment of his property for five years, which in his then situation of indebtedness he could not without such a deed and arrangement hope to have. And your Orator shews that from and after the execution of said deed in January 1843 up to the time of the sale in

in February 1845, a space of more than two years, the said Mrs. Bunge was allowed to retain, and did retain, the possession, use and enjoyment of all his property, in the same manner and to the same beneficial extent, as if no such deed had been made. And your Orator shews and charges that the said deed was not made for the sole or even primary purpose of satisfying the debts therein specified in convenient time, but was made for the ease and favor of the debtor and to shield the property for his use and benefit, either wholly or as its first and leading object, and that the trust for the payment of the debts were declared as subsidiary to that object, and necessary by the color afforded thereby to its accomplishment. And your Orator is advised that if the said agreement for the delay of sale and the use and enjoyment of the property had been inserted in the deed itself, the same would as against your Orator have been in law fraudulent on its face and void. And your Orator is likewise advised that the validity of the deed is not aided in the slightest degree by the exclusion of that agreement from the face of the instrument, and it being kept as a secret and private understanding between the said Mrs. Bunge, and the said Mrs. J. Branch and the said Washington Branch, but on the contrary that upon the proof of the matters above alleged, the said deed will be declared fraudulent and void as fully as if the said matters had been inserted therein at full length. Your Orator therefore charges that the said deed is in this Honorable Court fraudulent and void as against him. Your Orator avers that he was entirely ignorant of the execution of the said deed at the time when it was executed, and refused to have any thing whatever to do with the aforesaid sale of the property, although he was consulted upon the subject by the trustee on the day of sale.

Further complaining your Orator shews that at the sale made as aforesaid of the property conveyed in the deed, the said Mrs. J. Branch purchased property

amounting to the sum of \$1200; and gave his bond to the said Kemp Plummer therefor payable six months after date, which still remains wholly due and unpaid.

Your Orator further shews that the amount produced by the sale if applied according to the direction of the deed, will be sufficient to satisfy the two first debts mentioned in the deed and which are therein directed to be first entirely paid, and also the greater portion of the two debts which are therein directed to next ^{be} paid in full, one of which is due to Alfred Alton and Edward Alton administrators of La Fayette Brown for \$302⁰⁰/₁₁ secured by a note dated August 23rd 1842, and the other to the defendant Mrs. J. Branch for \$299⁰⁰/₁₂ secured by a note dated January 4th 1843, but that nothing would remain after an application of the funds according to the directions of the said deed to pay any part of any of the rest of the debts recited therein. And your Orator further shews that if he should obtain a decree for the ^{out. of the said bond of the said Mrs. J. Branch} payment of his debt as herein after ^{proposed} there would still remain a sufficiency in the hands of the trustees to pay the two debts which stand in the first class in said deed, but very little to be applied to the payment of the two debts which stand in the second class, if any thing. †

And your Orator is advised that neither the said defendants Alfred Alton and Edward Alton nor the said defendant Mrs. J. Branch are entitled to claim under or use the said deed as against your Orator, because the same was made ^{under} ~~under~~ the circumstances and with the motives on the part of the said Mrs. Branch heretofore stated, and as to the said Mrs. J. Branch for the additional reason, that he was not ^{only} ignorant of but actively participated in the fraudulent acts herein before stated and charged. And your Orator is advised that in this Honorable Court he is entitled either to have as much of the said Bond of the said Mrs. J. Branch

as may be necessary to satisfy his demand, paid to him, or to have the property bought by the said Mrs. J. Branch at the sale aforesaid declared liable in his hands to the payment of your Orator's demand and to be sold and applied accordingly.

In consideration whereof and for as much as your Orator can only have a adequate relief in the premises in a Court of Equity where matters of this nature are properly cognizable and relievable. To the end therefore that the said defendants Kemp Plummer, Alfred Alton, Edward Alton and Mrs. J. Branch, may, upon their several and respective corporal oaths, to the best of their several and respective knowledge, information and belief, fully, true, direct and perfect answers make, to all and singular the matters aforesaid, and that as fully and particularly as if the same were here repeated, and they and every of them distinctly interrogated thereto, that your Orator's rights in the premises may by a decree of this Honorable Court be declared and established, that the said Kemp Plummer may be enjoined not to collect or pay away as much of the said bond of the defendant Mrs. J. Branch as may be necessary to satisfy your Orator's demand until the further order of your Honor, that satisfaction of your Orator's debt and costs may be decreed, and that your Orator may have such further and other relief in the premises as the nature of his case shall require, and as to your Honor shall seem meet. May it please your Honor to go out into your Orator not only the States writ of injunction to be directed to the said Kemp Plummer to restrain him &c; but also the States writ of subpoena to be directed to the said Kemp Plummer, ^{Mrs.} Alfred Alton, Edward Alton, and William J. Branch, commanding them to appear before your Honor at the Court of Equity to be held for the County of Warren at the Court House in Warrenton on the third Monday after the

the trust, and then pay the amount which may be due on the said bonds, principal and interest, and the surplus of any he is to pay to the order of the said Florence Ward in a reasonable time after the return of the said parties hereunto. It is the intent and desire of the said parties that this deed and the same stay and year first above said.

D. J. Ward
Florence Ward

I accept this trust
W. A. Montgomery

North Carolina }
Warren County } Be it remembered that on the 22nd day of July A.D. 1885 before me W. A. White Clerk of the Superior Court of said County personally appeared D. J. Ward and his wife Florence Ward and acknowledged the due execution by them of the foregoing deed. And thereof from the said Florence Ward being by me privately examined separately & apart from her said husband touching her free consent in the execution of the said deed she on such per examination declared that she had executed the same freely of her own will & accord & without any force or undue influence of her said husband or any other person or undue influence of her said husband or any other person & that she voluntarily assent thereto. It is the intent of this certificate be registered.

W. A. White C. J.

Filed & Registered July 22nd 1885
W. A. White Register D. D. Daniel Dep. Reg.

M. L. Branch & wife

C. A. Cook Trustee Warren County

This Indenture made and entered into this 14th day of July 1885 between Washington Lenoir and wife & Robert Lenoir his wife parties of the first part and C. A. Cook party of the second part all of said County and State of North Carolina. Witnesses that the said M. L. Branch & wife are jointly indebted to M. B. Brinkley in the sum of two thousand and fifty dollars as is evidenced by their three promissory notes, viz: one for the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars due and payable January 1st 1886 one for the sum of five hundred dollars due and payable January 1st 1887 and one for the sum of five hundred dollars due and payable January 1st 1888 each due and payable in gold or its equivalent and bearing interest from date at the

the debt seems to be due in full and is being paid

be complete and accurate.

This becomes a legal record when properly executed and will be placed in permanent file.

Write plainly with permanent ink or type-writer.

Physician lost in attendance must state cause of death and sign medical certification. If no physician in attendance, health officer (or coroner, if inquest is held) must complete and sign medical certification. Power of signature cannot be delegated.

Funeral director or person disposing of body, must file certificate with local registrar, within 72 hours after death and prior to transportation by common carrier or removal from state.

Dist No. 000 Serial No. 123 **CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

1. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) a. (First) WILLIAM b. (Middle) NORWOOD c. (Last) BRANCH 2. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) 2/4/65

3. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY CABELL b. CITY OR TOWN HUNTINGTON 4. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institutions: Residence before admission) a. STATE W. VA. b. COUNTY CABELL

c. LENGTH OF STAY IN CITY OR TOWN _____ c. CITY OR TOWN HUNTINGTON

d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (If not in hospital, give street address) C & O HOSP. d. STREET ADDRESS #4 HILLS COURT

e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES NO f. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES NO g. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES NO

5. SEX MALE 6. COLOR OR RACE WHITE 7. MARRIED NEVER MARRIED 8. DATE OF BIRTH 12/15/1886 9. AGE (In years last birthday) 78 10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) CONDUCTOR C & O R R RETIRED 11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) NORTH CAROLINA 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.A.

13. FATHER'S NAME WASHINGTON L BRANCH 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME SUE ROBINSON

15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) NO 16. SOCIAL SECURITY No. _____ 17. INFORMANT MRS. LOLA A BRANCH, HTGN, W. VA. Address _____

18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c))
 PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:
 IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) CARDIORESPIRATORY ARREST
 Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last. } DUE TO (b) MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION (PROBABLE)
 DUE TO (c) A S H D
 PART II. Other significant conditions contributing to death but not related to the terminal disease condition given in part 1(a) CEREBRAL ARTERIOSCLEROSIS

19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES NO INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH _____

20a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE 20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18.) _____

20c. TIME OF INJURY Month, Day, Year, Hour _____ M. _____

20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT NOT WHILE WORK At WORK _____ 20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e. g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) _____ 20f. CITY OR TOWN _____ COUNTY _____ STATE _____

21. I attended the deceased from 2/3/65 to 2/4/65 and last saw the deceased alive on 2/4/65
 Death occurred at 12.55 P.m. on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.

22a. SIGNATURE (Degree or title) RAY R HAGLEY, M.D. 22b. ADDRESS C & O HOSP., HTGN, W. VA. 22c. DATE SIGNED 2/9/65

23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) BURIAL 23b. DATE _____ 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY RIDGELAWN CEM. 23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

24. DATE REC'D. BY LOCAL REG. 2/14/65 25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Roel Saunders, Dep. 26. FUNERAL DIRECTOR ROBT D CARPENTER, HTGN, W. VA. Address _____

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CLERK'S OFFICE

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Irene Sammons "Bradley" Born Cromwell, Iowa, Dec. 19th 1906

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July 20th 1897
B. Hester aged 81 years

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was born in [unclear]
family to [unclear] - 1880.~~

Frank D. B. B. Kester
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Washington Lenoir Branch, Jr., son of Martha Ann Lewis and Washington Lenoir Branch
born 10 May 1841 in Franklin County, North Carolina
died 26 June 1896 in Augusta County, Virginia
married

Sue T. Robertson, daughter of Emily Thompson and Thomas B. Robertson
born 19 September 1862 in Warren County, North Carolina
died 9 April 1930 in Cabell County, West Virginia

The children of Sue T. and W. L. Branch:

Etta Lenoir Branch, born 3rd Feb. 1881 in Warren County, North Carolina

Ezra Branch, born in the year 1883 in Warren County, North Carolina

John Richard Branch, born 20th May 1885 in Warren County, North Carolina

William Norwood Branch, born 15th Dec. 1886 at Robertson's Crossroads, Warren
County, N. C.

Gideon Alston Branch, born 22nd Mar. 1888 at Robertson's Crossroads, Warren
County, N. C.

Henry Clay Branch, born 10th Mar. 1890 at Robertson's Crossroads, Warren County, N.C.

Rosa Willie Branch, born and died in 1892

Agnes Maybelle Branch, born 5th Nov. 1893 in Augusta County, Virginia

This is to Certify
that on the 18 day of Dec. in the year of our Lord 1918

W. N. Branch of Logan, W. Va. and Maud Christian of Logan, W. Va.

Were by me united in Holy Matrimony at Logan, W. Va. According to the ordinance
of God and the Laws of the State of _____

Witnesses

Myrtle Stone

Margie Deatherage

By Joe A. Deatherage

Agnes Emma Branch Daughter of Icy Maud Christian and William Norwood Branch
Born Nov. 22nd 1922

William Norwood Branch, Jr. Son of Icy Maud Christian and William Norwood Branch
Born June 15th 1924

Icy Maud Branch Died Apr. 3, '43 Dau. of Emma L. Mitchell & Albert L. Christian
Born May 12th 1891 in Logan Co., W. Va.

W. F. Branch Died Feb. 4, 1965 Son of Sus T. Robertson & Washington L. Branch
Born Dec. 15, 1886 in Warren Co., N. C.

Sallie Arminta Branch Daughter of Icy Maud Christian and William Norwood Branch
Born April 7th 1927 Named after Sallie Arminta Chambers

James Christian Branch Son of Icy Maud Christian and William Norwood Branch
Born Jan 29th 1931

W. N. Branch, Sr., after the death of Maud,
married 28th Dec. 1946 in Wayne Co., W. Va.,

Lola Marie (Avid)(Harmon) Chafin Daughter of Cora Ferrell and George Robert Avis
Born 25 Nov. 1897 in Logan Co., W. Va.

No children of this marriage.

Married
18 Dec. 1918
Logan Co.,
W. Va.

Agnes Emma Branch,

born 22 November 1922 in Logan Co., W. Va.,
married 28 July 1945 in Kings Co., New York,
Carl Kenneth Pearlman, M. D.,
born 18 Aug. 1908 in Kings Co., New York.

Their son, Philip Branch Pearlman,
born 14 February 1947 in Huntington,
Cabell County, West Virginia,
married 30 November 1974 at Laguna Beach,
Orange County, California,
Jennifer Elizabeth Anderer,
born 25 July 1958 in Montgomery Co., Penn.

Their daughter, Nancy Sue Pearlman,
born 17 April 1948 in Huntington,
Cabell County, West Virginia,
married 25 November 1972 in the forest
at Idyllwild, Riverside Co., California,
Joseph Tashner Edmiston,
born 27 October 1949 in Los Angeles Co., Calif.

William Norwood Branch, Jr.,
born 15 June 1924 in Logan County, West Virginia,
married 5 May 1949

Mary Martin Buckner

born 14 Sep. 1927 in Fayette County, Kentucky.
Their first marriage was annulled. They were
remarried 7 Sep. 1956 in Orange County, California.
Born to them was:

Alexander Humphreys Branch,
born 5 May 1959 in Lexington, Kentucky.

William Norwood Branch, Jr.,
later married

Kathleen Teresa Schleder

born 7 Dec. 1930 in Davison County, S. Dakota.
Born to them in Orange County, California, were:
James Norwood Branch --23 Feb. 1961
John Gideon Branch --29 Mar. 1962
Cynthia Colleen Branch--28 June 1963

Sally Araminta Branch,

born 7 April 1927 in Logan Co., W. Va.,
married 20 Aug. 1951 in Orange Co., N. C.,
Douglas McIntosh McNair
born 19 July 1927 in Richmond Co., N. C.

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Rosa W Harris was
born April 19th 1816.

William Newcomb
their 1st son born April
29th 1835.

Thomas Harris their
second son born March
31st 1837.

Julia their third daughter
born April 2nd 1839.

Mary Stokes their
third daughter born
February 5th 1841.

Births.

Rosa Long first daughter
of Joel & Julia W. Thomas
was born the 14th May

Maggie Seaver's daughter
of Joel & Julia W. Thomas
born November 18th

Deaths.

Wm Howard Branch
died the 24th November
1841 in the City of Richmond
in the 40th year of his age
As a Soldier

Carrie W Jones Died
at Mackpela her hus-
bands old Homestead
the 9th April 1873

Thomas H. Branch
died at Gainesville
Fla the 2nd September
1875.

Wm J Branch died
at home April 28th
1876 in the 72nd year of his
age.

Rose H Branch wife
of W. H. Branch died at
Hemlockton N.C. Oct. 30th
1882 in her 18th year

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HOLY BIBLE,

CONTAINING THE
OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS:

TOGETHER WITH
THE APOCRYPHA:

TRANSLATED OUT OF THE ORIGINAL TONGUES.

AND WITH

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WITH

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1838.

Am Branch

J Branch

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W B J 13th

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W^m J Branch grand father
of Snowwood Branch Thomas
1879

Apr 13th 1879

FAMILY RECORD.

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 were married July 31st 1832.

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 By Joseph Martin —

Geo. B. Hammett and
 Mary Rebecca Branch
 were married 13th Sept
 1864 — by Rev. J. Pate Ricard

MARRIAGES

William J Cheekley
 and Maggie B Thomas
 were married 7th Jan
 1889

Horwood Brand Thomas
 and Lizzie C Stallings were
 married 20th Jan 1892

Rommie Watson and
 Mary Ann Thomas were married
 30th Oct — 1895

Joseph James Thomas and
 Eva S Anderson were
 married 20th Dec 1899

Madame Richmond and
 Joseph James Thomas were
 married

Blaucher Lucion and James T.
 Edwards Jr. were married

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

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William J Branch
was born November
15th 1804—

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born Apr 19th 1816

William Norwood
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Apr 29th 1833—

Caroline Williams
their 1st Daughter
born Aug 7th 1835

Thomas Harris
their 2nd son born
March 31st 1837

Julia Wash^{ington} their 2nd
Daughter born Apr 2nd
1839—

Mary Robina their
3rd Daughter, born
Feb 5th 1841—

Rosa Geniva Cheatham
daughter of William T. and
Maggie T. Cheatham ^{was} born
November 4th 1889 named for
Grandma Cheatham and Grandpa

Baptized
by W. S.
Cunningham

Jed Thomas Cheatham 1st son
of William T. and Maggie T.
Cheatham was born 1st Oct
1891. Named for Grandpa Thomas

Baptized
by W. S.
Cunningham

William Thomas Cheatham 2nd
son of William T. and Maggie
T. Cheatham was born
May 12th 1894 named for
Grandpa Cheatham

Baptized
by W. S.
Cunningham

Blanche Thomas Elmore
daughter of James T. and
Blanche T. Elmore was born
May 2nd 1910

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Anna Long fourth child of
Jesse & Julia W. Thomas, was
born 14th May 1859.

Maggie second daughter
of Jesse & Julia W. Thomas
was born 15th November 1860.

Annie Horwood third daughter
of Jesse & Julia was born
23rd August 1862.

Horwood Branch Thomas
first ^{son} of Jesse & Julia Thomas
born 12th September 1864.

Jesse the second son of
Jesse & Julia Thomas, born
22nd July 1866 in Spain Virginia.

Wm. Jackson third son of Jesse
and Julia Thomas born 17th
January 1869.

Joseph Thomas fourth son
of Jesse & Julia Thomas born
14th January 1871.

Jesse Paul fifth son of
Jesse & Julia Thomas born
28th February 1873 and named
for Rev. Abner Paul of the Va
Conference.

BIRTHS.

Mary Louisa fourth daughter
of Jesse & Julia Thomas born
4th December 1875. Named
for Mary Hammett & Louisa
D. Thomas.

Carrie Richmond 5th daughter
of Jesse & Julia Thomas, born
24th January 1878 at Pleasant
Brook Franklin Co. named for
~~Louisa Thomas~~ ^{Carrie}
Thomas & Sarah Richmond
our Great Aunt, or her father's
Grandmother.

Blanche Lenoir 6th daughter
of Jesse & Julia born 27th
April 1880 at Henderson
N.C. named for the Lenoir
Family - Great Grandmother of
Julia Thomas.

Obituary.

Capt. Joe Townes was born April 8, 1838, confessed and joined the Episcopal church May 8, 1859; his first experience as a business man was when quite young, he then lived in Petersburg, Va. Served in the Confederate army. In 1861, he married Miss Carrie Branch. They lived at his father's handsome old residence in Granville county, where numbers of friends and acquaintances were delighted recipients of their bounteous hospitality, from time to time, till the sweet spirit of his gentle wife "plumed its flight" to realms of bliss.

He married Miss Tempe Thorne Jan. 16, 1878; was then a tobaccoist of Henderson, N. C., was afterwards elected Register of Deeds, and then removed to Oxford, N. C. They were extremely popular, both in Henderson and Oxford, and were ever surrounded by appreciative friends. He was deeply attached to old Granville county, where he spent many happy days. He was at one time an active enthusiastic Mason till separated from his lodge by distance. He was one of the most thoroughly refined gentlemen that I ever knew. No coarse fibre seemed woven into the texture of his character. One of his most beautiful and strongest traits was unmitigated candor, which rendered his society so refreshing. Those who knew him best, loved and appreciated him most. He was ever on the alert to pay due homage to gentle woman; his wife was his "queen," and she was at all times treated with gentle courtesy and tender consideration. So loyal was he that "Miss Temp" was more beautiful, sweeter, bolder, and more efficient in any emergency than any other living woman. The last years of his life were spent in Halifax county where he died, June 5, 1899.

Capt. Townes' health was impaired for more than a year, before his death. During his severest illness, he exercised great patience and endurance. He talked often with his wife, with reference to his physical and spiritual condition. He said he had made a complete surrender to God, and, while he preferred to be healed of his physical malady, still he could say: "Thy will be done," and he felt assured that God would restore his health if best. He felt that he had not lived always as he should have done, yet God had pardoned him and he was thankful for God's goodness and mercy to him. He was conscious to the end, when he "lifted his eyes toward the Hills from whence cometh our help," extended his arms toward Heaven, and pillowed his head upon a loving Savior's breast, slumbered more sweetly, more peacefully than an infant on its mother's bosom.

H. T. H.

OBITUARY.

DIED AT HIS HOME IN HENDERSON
 24th May, JOHN K. THOMAS
 IN THE 67th YEAR OF HIS AGE

There is no one whose attention these lines will arrest and to whom the name is familiar, but what will honestly feel that truly a good man has been called to his reward. All who knew him will feel this, but those alone who were his intimate friends can truly understand what a fine and noble life has closed its earthly record. In the early vigor of manhood he consecrated himself to the service of his Master, and ever were those sacred vows kept inviolate. His was a quiet unobtrusive type of piety, but the light of his influence glowed with a steady radiance that made itself felt on the hearts of all with whom he came in contact.

Under what the public might regard a reserved and reticent exterior, he in reality carried a genial warmth of temperament that won for him the life-time love of his friends, and made him the light of his home. Ah! as there this blow falls with crushing force, may God in His infinite mercy be very near the stricken ones, and grant that the Widow and the fatherless may find in Him their refuge and strength—a very present help in their time of trouble.

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MRS. JULIA THOMAS DIES AT AGE OF 86

One of Oldest Residents of Henderson, Having Liv- ed Here 45 Years 8 CHILDREN SURVIVE

Funeral Services Held This After-
noon from First Methodist
Church, of Which She Was
Long a Member

Mrs. Julia Branch Thomas, one of Henderson's oldest citizens, died Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of her daughters, Mrs. W. T. Cheatham and Miss Rosa Thomas. She was ill for several weeks, and death was caused, it was said, by the infirmities of old age. She was born April 2, 1880, and would have been 87 years old had she lived until her next birthday.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Methodist church, of which she had for years been a member, and at the time of her death was believed to be the oldest member of that church. Rev. H. B. Porter, the pastor, was in charge of the funeral services, interment following at Elmwood cemetery.

Mrs. Thomas is survived by eight children, as follows: Norwood B. and Joel Penn Thomas, both of Henderson; Joseph T. Thomas, of Hopkinsville, Ky.; Mrs. W. T. Cheatham, Mrs. J. T. Marrow and Miss Rosa L. Thomas, all of Henderson; and Mrs. E. P. Wason, of Wilson, and Mrs. J. T. Elmore, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla. Three children died in infancy. Her husband, Joel Thomas, died 39 years ago. In addition to the children who survive, there are seventeen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. All of the children were at her bedside at the time of her death.

Mrs. Thomas was born in Franklin county and came to Henderson in 1921, having made her home here since that time. Her husband died here in 1957.

Several days ago Mrs. Thomas suffered a fall, which was not considered serious, and no bones were broken. Her confinement and loss of appetite gradually took her strength and she passed away quietly at the home on Gholsen avenue Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Thomas was known to many Henderson people, though her age

did not permit of her getting about much in the past several years. She was recognized as a great and good woman, who as wife, mother, friend and Christian filled well her place in her day and generation.

The active pallbearers at the funeral this afternoon were six of her grandsons, N. B. Thomas, Jr., and T. P. Thomas, Joel T. Cheatham and William T. Cheatham, P. T. Watson and N. A. Thomas. The honorary pallbearers were announced as B. R. Pinkston, Edward Hines, W. S. Parker, Captain J. T. Elmore, Sr., James I. Miller, R. L. Bell, R. J. Corbett, Dr. Goode Cheatham, W. J. Alston, W. E. Gary, L. C. Kerner, S. T. Peace, Dr. A. P. Newcomb, K. L. Burton, G. W. Marrow, E. G. Watkins, I. M. Petty, W. A. Parham, R. E. Clements.

MISS ROSA THOMAS DIES OF APOPLEXY

Passes Away at Home Few Hours After Being Strick- en At Church

Following a stroke of apoplexy, Miss Rosa Thomas, well known lady of this city, died at her home on Gholsen avenue at 1:45 p. m. Sunday. She became ill on entering the First Methodist church, of which she had for many years been a member, for the usual Sunday morning services, and was at once removed to her home, where she shortly afterwards became unconscious, and died within a few hours. She collapsed as she was being taken into her home, and remained unconscious until her death.

Two physicians attended her, and at the home at the time of her death were also several sisters and brothers, nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held from the First Methodist church at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, with her pastor, Rev. W. C. Martin, in charge. Miss Thomas had been a devoted and loyal member of this church since childhood.

Interment was at Elmwood cemetery. Pallbearers announced were Theo. P. Thomas, Joel T. Cheatham, William T. Cheatham, J. Penn Watson, James W. Jenkins, Frank B. Roberts, Richard C. Gary, Harry E. Chavasse. Her nieces had charge of the flowers.

Miss Thomas is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. W. T. Cheatham, Mrs. J. T. Marrow, N. B. Thomas and J. Penn Thomas, all of Henderson; Joseph T. Thomas, of Hopkinsville, Ky.; Mrs. R. P. Watson, of Wilson; Mrs. J. T. Elmore, Jr., of Richmond.

Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Elmore arrived in the city a few hours after death occurred. J. P. Thomas wired from his home in Kentucky that it would be impossible for him reach here in time for the funeral today, owing to the great distance. Many friends and relatives called at the home during the afternoon Sunday, not only from Henderson and Vance county, but also from and Franklin and Warren counties.

Miss Thomas was much beloved because of her amiable, unselfish and Christian life, and was known and admired by a host of friends in this city and county and section of the State.

IN MEMORIAM.

his residence in Henderson, N. C., on the 15th, 1887, at 4:15 o'clock, P. M. In the fullness of years and usefulness, and in response to that summons which one day must come to us all, Mr. Joel Thomas entered into rest. Deceased had nearly reached his three score and ten years, the allotted time of man's life, having been born in the village of Louisa, in Franklin county, N. C., February 24th, 1821, and consequently was 66 years, 1 month and 21 days old at the time of his death.

In the death of Mr. Thomas a good man and a sincere follower of the meek and lowly Jesus has gone to his reward. For upwards of 28 years he had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and while he made no display of his virtues for display's sake alone, his upright walk and Godly conversation attested the genuineness of his Christian profession. Kind and considerate of the welfare of others, honest and fair in his dealings with his fellow-man, he was loved and respected by all who knew him. A kind and loving husband, and tender and affectionate father, it was in the quiet home circle that his Christian virtues were more conspicuously displayed, in the affectionate and appreciative discharge of the duties of husband and father, and it is here perhaps that the light of his example as a servant of God will ever linger to encourage others to walk in his footsteps and give cheer to life's travelers in the faithful performance of duty. In these high and holy relations, to the writer he appeared indeed a perfect man, grown to the full stature of a man in Christ. And while his place in the church and in society will be missed no more by him, it is in the home around the fireside that he will be most fully missed. A wife and eight children, five daughters and three sons, survive him. The high esteem in which he was held in the community in which he lived was evidenced by the profusion of floral offerings, and the large number of people who followed the remains to their last resting place in Elmwood Cemetery.

May God have the grief-stricken wife and bereaved children in His holy keeping, and comfort them with the thought that "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." E. L.

Deaths and Funerals

MRS. MARY HAMMATT.

Well Known Henderson Woman Dead at Advanced Age.

Henderson, Nov. 5.—Mrs. Mary Hammatt died at the residence of her sister Mrs. Julia B. Thomas here early Sunday morning, November 3, after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Hammatt was in her 72nd year and is survived by her only sister Mrs. Julia Branch Thomas with whom she has made her home since the death of Col. Hammatt in 1869.

The funeral services were conducted from the home at 10:30 Monday morning by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the M. E. church of which she had long been a consistent member.

The interment was made in Elmwood cemetery here, her nephews Messrs. N. B. and J. P. Thomas, J. T. Narrow, J. T. Elmore, Jr., Joel and William Cheatham acting as pall bearers.

Mrs. Hammatt had many friends here and in Durham where she was noted for her bright and sunny disposition.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MISS ROSA LONG THOMAS.

Since babyhood I have known and loved her, and never have I known a life that was free from stain of wrong. She seemed singularly pure-hearted when a child. Born into an environment of gentle refinement and Christian culture, she naturally imbibed many of the traits that made her childhood beautiful; and as she grew and developed physically her appreciation of what was really best in everything strengthened into absolute conviction. She made no compromise with evil, but what was wrong she knew to be wrong, and she clung only to that which she felt sure to be right. Yet she was not censorious or bitter, but just so true and square herself that all who came in contact with her fell unconsciously under her influence. She was decided in her religious convictions, and in early life she connected herself with the Methodist church. While her charity was broad enough to include others she was ever loyal to the church to which she had pledged her allegiance.

It is especially in her home that the sunlight of her presence will be missed. Always unselfish, she was ready at all times to render any service to a loved one. They each and all relied on her for advice for all had absolute confidence in her judgment; hers was no maudlin sentiment, but her love was so true and sincere and her estimates so wisely formed that each one felt willing to trust to her decision.

The children in the family were devoted to "Auntie" and the patient tenderness with which she always ministered to their little wants showed how dear they were to her. The conscientious loving care she gave to her Mother in the last years of her life was clear proof of the wealth of devotion her loyal heart ever held for its own.

To her the final summons came very suddenly: As was her custom on Sunday morning she had gone to the House of God; was taken ill there, and carried to her home where she soon became unconscious and passed into the great unknown. For her "There was no sadness of Farewell," but no one doubted that in the shadows she "Met her Pilot Face to Face," and in his loving guidance her pure and faithful spirit "Crossed The Bar."

ANNA EULLER MALONE

IN MEMORIAM

In Henderson, on January 31st, there entered into rest the spirit of Mrs. Julia Branch Thomas. She had been a resident of Henderson for forty-two years, although she was a native of Franklin County, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Branch and her young life was spent in that county. There may be some still living who recall the delightful hospitality of her father's home. It was a typical home of the old South. I would like to be able to pay a fitting tribute to this rarely beautiful life, but I feel that the subject so far transcends anything that I can say, that while I approach it with reverence and love, I also do so with hesitation.

In 1858 when only sixteen years of age, she married Mr. Joel K. Thomas, a man in every way her peer, and whose physical appearance and whose character were such as to win the admiration and devotion of a woman whose qualities were as fine as hers. By inheritance, she possessed those characteristics, which placed her most decidedly in the class composing the highest type of southern womanhood. She descended on both sides from a long line of ancestry of note in colonial and revolutionary days. Born and reared in a home of ease and affluence, she knew nothing save pleasure and self-indulgence, and yet the sweetness of her character was not spoiled. She was not domineering and forgetful of others and for long after the war, in fact as long as they lived, the devotion of her former slaves was most pronounced. With all the advantages of wealth and beauty for she was beautiful, her nature was made up of a fibre so sweet, so courageous and brave that when the war clouds of the sixties had swept over her once happy home, leaving in their wake the desolation which many in all the plantation life of the South, she met reverses with a brave cheerfulness and gallant hopefulness that made her a blessing to her loved ones and a helpmeet indeed to the young husband who found his happiness in her loving strength. She was preeminently a home-maker, seeking no pleasure outside, but within the sacred precincts of that loved place, she found ample field for her talents as wife, mother, sister and neighbor. Those only who knew her intimately know of the many acts of kindness she loved to show to those she found impossible to help. Quietly and unobtrusively her life, made rich with faith in God, she strove to rear the precious children that had been given her. How well she fulfilled her duty is amply attested by the upright men and Christian women, who today do honor to her memory.

For this servant of God, death held no grim terrors. While the devotion of her children filled her old age with beauty and comfort and she clung to them with tenderest love, yet her hold on this world, had for sometime been growing less and less firm—her widowed heart often yearned for the companionship of him whom she had missed for so many years and her tender mother's love had never found the three little ones she had long ago given back to God.

Oftimes her feet must have wearied of the long, long road, and when it had the sun set gates flung wide their bars, she stood ready with sweet peace written on her brow and in her heart, to enter into that home of the best that house had made with hands eternal in the Heavens, leaving to those who loved her here a rich legacy of precious memories.

MRS. J. E. MALONE.

death came into this happy home, and removed one after another of the children, she was always first to point toward the home above, and speak of the blessed reunion beyond the river. When their splendid home their "Sunny Side," as it was appropriately called, with all the furniture, and the hair-looms that had been treasured for years, and which they hoped to bequeath to posterity, was burned, her first exclamation when she heard of it (for they were away from home in Beaufort county at the time) was: "I have a home in heaven that will never be burned." This expression had such a comforting effect upon him, that he became reconciled to his loss at once. His home was the home of the preachers. They were always welcome, and he never had anything too good for them to share, when he was in the enjoyment of his prosperity.

He owned a large number of slaves, and I think no man ever felt a greater interest in the souls of men than he felt in the salvation of his slaves. He delighted to tell of their conversion, and they all loved him with a sincere affection.

It is hard in a short memoir to portray such a character. He was a nobleman by nature, a gentleman by birth, a christian by the regeneration of the Holy Ghost, and an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ, to a heavenly inheritance. While he lived his influence for good was felt by all who came in contact with him, and now that he is dead, his name "is a precious ointment poured forth." The great changes brought about by the war, and the misfortunes of other kinds that befell him was the cause of much anxious inquiry on his part; but he always found consolation in the assurance that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

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will tell for the good of our race until the last syllable of time. His posthumous life no doubt working quietly, like leaven, in many human lives, and when the record is made up he will be astonished to see the amount of good accomplished through his instrumentality.

He was a pioneer in Methodist history in this community. From the beginning of his church life he was an official member; and when the old Roanoke circuit embraced all this region, and twenty-five or thirty miles must be traveled to get to a quarterly conference he was rarely ever absent. He loved the church and believed her doctrines; and there was no employment so congenial to him as trying to save souls.

He had eleven children born unto him, five of whom preceded him to the Spirit world. He leaves six behind, and a large number of grandchildren. May the whole family get home safely!

He has left his family and his church the inheritance of a good name, and the influence of a holy life. He lived long and well, and now he rests in peace. His good wife did not long survive him. They have met in the "home that will never be burned." May God help his family and tends to follow him as he followed Christ, and say we all meet in heaven.

L. L. NASH.

Memoir of Thomas W. Harriss

Thomas Whitmel was born the 29th day of December, 1810, and died on the 29th day of September, 1890. He was converted to God while a student at the University of North Carolina, in the year 1831, from which institution he graduated with high honors in 1832. He was happily married to Miss Martha Kearny, May 15th, 1833. When he became a christian and a Methodist, it was under very different influences from those that surround us at the present day. He often alluded to the fact, that there was only one young man of his acquaintance, of his age, in his county, that belonged to any church, when he became a christian. He was reared in affluence, and enjoyed the best educational and social advantages; and the society of his early life was positively anti-christian. His conversion was clear, and his change of life was radical and abiding. Religion, with him, was the chief thing. His home and all that he possessed was consecrated to God. Occupying a place among the richest people of this section of the State, he had an opportunity of impressing a large circle of society with the power of vital godliness, that no one else possessed, and well did he perform the duty assigned him by his heavenly Father. His home was the resort of many people of wealth and influence, who in antebellum times, frequently spent weeks at his house and he never let any opportunity pass unimproved to bring his guests to a knowledge of God, in the salvation of their souls. He was so cultured and refined, that he knew how to approach any one on the subject of ner-

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He has left his family and his church the inheritance of a good name, and the influence of a holy life. He lived long and well, and now he rests in peace. His good wife did not long survive him. They have met in the "home that will never be burned." May God help his family and send us to follow him as he followed Christ, and may we all meet in heaven.

L. L. NASH.

sona religion without giving offence, and a large number of persons, who became eminent for godly lives were converted in his house. His home was a Bethel. It was here that the beauty of his character and that of his excellent wife, shone out with a heavenly radiance. This Memoir would be incomplete, if we should fail to mention the good woman who walked by his side, shared his joys, and consoled him in his griefs. Her life was such a large part of his, that they were more than one flesh, for there was a union of soul between them that gave an idea of Paradise restored. He was a strong man, but when the storms of life beat heavily upon him, the tendrils of her affections, clinging to him as the vine to the oak, held him steady amid the storm, and helped him to weather the gale. When

... friends can truly understand what a fine and noble life has closed its earthly record. In the early vigor of manhood he consecrated himself to the service of his Master and ever were those sacred vows kept inviolate. He was a quiet unobtrusive type of piety, but the light of his influence glowed with a steady radiance that made itself felt on the hearts of all with whom he came in contact.

Under what the public might regard reserved and reticent exterior, he in reality carried a genial warmth of temperament that won for him the life-time love of his friends, and made him the light of his home. Ah! in this blow falls with crushing force. May God in His infinite mercy be very near the stricken ones, and grant that the Widow and the fatherless may find in Him their refuge and strength—a very present help in this time of trouble.

Written by "Cousin Rich"

MR. JOEL THOMAS, an excellent Methodist, formerly of Louisburg, N. C., more recently of Henderson, N. C., died in the latter place recently, greatly lamented by many who knew and loved him. He was a man of fine christian character and of a noble nature. Those of us who knew him best had the highest estimate of his genuine worth and of his sweet christian spirit.

The funeral of the late Joel Thomas was preached in the M. E. Church last Friday to a large congregation. Rev. J. D. Arnold officiating.

Resolutions of Respect

Resolved, That the members of the M. E. Church, Sunday School, and the members of the M. E. Church, Henderson, N. C., do hereby express their respect for the memory of the late Joel Thomas, who died on June 13, 1927.

Whereas, God in His wisdom has seen fit to remove from among us, and from the midst of our church, in this school, our beloved brother, Mr. Joel Thomas, and

Whereas, it has just come to our knowledge that our brother and co-laborer in this cause, Mr. W. E. Powell, is bowed down beneath a burden of more affliction, having recently been bereft of his companion, and whereas, he is a consistent and beloved member of our church,

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of God, who does all things in superior wisdom, and while we believe that "All things work together for good to them that love God," yet we do hereby feel our loss, and hereby tender our sympathies and condolences to their bereaved families.

That the members furnish copies of these resolutions to the stricken families, and that copies be sent to the churches of the M. E. denomination, with suggestions for their publication.

The above resolutions were formulated and unanimously adopted by the members of the M. E. Church, Henderson, N. C., on June 15, 1927.

... the almost unimpeachable certainty, of the blissful reward that awaits in another world those who have so well and so faithfully borne the burden and the heat of life's little day.

Dr. Thomas' remains were to-day tenderly laid away to rest in Oakdale's beautiful city of the dead, there to calmly await the resurrection morn. The funeral took place at the residence and a long line of mourners followed them to their last resting place. It was one of the largest funerals we have ever seen in Wilmington and this fact alone is an eloquent attestation to his worth and to the grief felt by all at the bereavement which has fallen upon us. During the hours of the funeral every drug store in the city was closed and all who could attend the obsequies. The active pall-bearers were Capt. W. E. Keenan, Capt. John T. Rankin, Mr. E. N. Sweet, Capt. J. H. Daniel, Col. W. C. Jones, and Mr. E. S. Martin. The honorary pall-bearers were Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Hon. Geo. Davis, and Mr. Donald MacRae.

The members of the Vestry of St. James' and of the New Hanover County Medical Society attended as bodies.

... der him touching in the hearts of that large body of people who knew and esteemed the dead man as their friend. The remains were interred in the cemetery, most of those who were at the church following them to their last resting place.

Rarely has this community been stirred with feelings of sadness and sympathy as in the death of James S. Stallings. A truly good man had passed away and gone to his merited and rich reward. He leaves a wife and two children, a bright little girl and boy, who have the glowing sympathies of a wide circle of friends in their sad bereavement.

It is well with our friend after life's short dream is ended.

HAYES.—Miss Belle Hayes was born June 25th, 1884, and died in the city of Richmond, Va., wither she had gone for medical treatment, Dec. 29th, 1927.

She was happily converted to God and joined the M. E. Church, South at Trinity, Tar River circuit, under the ministry of Bro. W. H. Moore. From that day she lived a beautiful and sweet Christian life until God, her heavenly Father said: "It is enough, come up higher." During the last few years she was a great sufferer, but she endured her suffering in the spirit of Christian patience and cheerfulness, and ever looked to the source of grace and comfort. As she contemplated her departure, one thing troubled her mind. She was afraid that she would not be resigned to God's will. But the last letter she wrote breathed a spirit of resignation, and informed the loved ones at home that she was happy in God, who would not forsake and leave her to "pass over the river" all alone. No loved one stood by her dying bed, but the best of all, God was there. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Thus passed away one of the best members we had at Trinity. May God comfort the aged mother, brother, and sisters, and help them to meet Sister Belle "in that beautiful home beyond the tide" where parting is known no more.

Yours truly,
E. B. OUCHER, Pastor

One by one we are called home, when no traveller returns.

The household of Charles H. and Ella I. Thomas, of this city, was stricken with sadness and sorrow on the 11th instant, by the death of their eldest daughter, Miss Anna Long Thomas. After much suffering and enduring a lingering illness, she calmly and peacefully surrendered her spirit to Him that gave it, for the Lord gave and the Lord taketh away.

Miss Anna was in the 37th year of her age, just in the bloom of life. She was the pride and joy of her family, a kind, gentle and accomplished daughter and a loving sister. Her friends and acquaintances were many.

While her death has brought grief and sorrow upon a devoted father and mother, and loving brothers and sisters, they have the sympathy of all in this city, sore and trying bereavement, and while she will be greatly missed by her many friends, to their her memory will ever remain fresh and green.

"In the midst of life we are in death," though "it is not all of life that is lost, all of death is still."

15/429	John Barrett ^{Kathrin} ^{Castro} ^{Blair Dam} to John Branch	? 1784
16/140	Jesse Pope ^{Mary} ^{Burnt Chest Group} to " "	16 Feb. 1786
16/133	Wm Branch to John Branch Jr. _{relaxed son etc}	21 Nov 1786
16/146	State of NC to John Branch	27 Oct 1784
16/402	Jno Harrington et al ^{sum Harrington of Wilson Co. SC} ^{Philamors Harrington of Moore Co. NC} ^{3/4 of 90 acres both sides of the Swamp where Drury Harrington, died lived} to " " ^{written by Barrett + others}	8 Nov 1786
17/663	Shells Alston late Sheriff ^(part of judgment) to John Branch	10 Nov. 1795
17/264	Henry Bradford " " "	
17/378	Richard H. Bradford to John Branch	
17/504	" " to " "	
17/584	Blake Baker to John Branch et al	
17/675	Nancy Branch ^(slaves, pots & England, Lincolnton, furniture) to John Branch	29 May 1794
17/387	Wm Dancy to " "	
17/176	Elija Davis to " "	
17/177	Edmond Davis to " "	
17/893	Wm Flessell ^(slaves named Cyrus, about 45) to " " ^{all witnesses N. Branch}	5 Dec. 1795
17/894	" " ^(Edwards Frank + her 2 children Sarah + Mary one 6 + one 2) to " "	23 Nov. 1795
17/863	Shells Alston to Wm Branch Jr.	
17/661	Wm Branch Jr to Wm Branch Jr.	
17/121	Wm Flessell to Wm Branch	
17/256	" " to " " Jr	
17/557	" " to " " Sr	
17/369	Jno Helman et al to " " Jr	
17/847	Jos Beurlock to " " Sr	
17/335	Jno Turners to " " Jr	
17/335	" " to " " Jr	
17/298	Peter Turner to " " Jr	
17/166	Daniel Welburn " "	

Bradley Arnold	Same	2	4
	Harris Taylor	17	108
	John Cain	19	846
	Joshua Dew	18	347
Bradley Anna	Mourning Etheridge	28	231
Branch Ann & John B. B.	Wm Campbell	3	353
Branch A. M. & B. A. Lewis	Quil Branch	29	113
Brantley B. J.	Jno M. Bishop	31	125
Branch Albert	Eli Lewis	33	256
	Wm L. Whitehead	34	213
Brantley Anna	Robert Brantley	17	751
Bradley Benj ^a Wm. wife	Julia A. Simmons	37	288
Branch Austin	Jno. J. Altop	37	373
	" " "	38	337
Brane Bob.	H. A. Howe	38	400
Bradley Benj ^a	James Mabury	8	208
" "	Division of Land	18	622
" "	Edw. Denton	19	236
" "	Aby Bradley	22	61
" "	Jno. Mabury	22	52
" "	Mourning Etheridge	28	231
Brantley B. J.	Ely ^a Brantley	35	96
" "	H. B. Josey	35	136
" "	W. H. Shields & H. Bishop	34	566
" "	James O Camp	39	99
Brantley Benj ^a wife	Louis Brantley	12	214
Branch Albert	Nancy King	32	427
Branch Benj ^a An	W. J. Robertson	48	310
Branch Albert	Jos. F. Branch	52	59
" "	A. E. Joyner	52	137
" "	J. H. Branch	52	343
Brantley B. J.	H. B. Josey	55	441
Bradley B. An.	W. A. Dunn Junr.	55	492
Bradley A. E.	" " "	55	492
Branch & Burton Cou.	V. J. Dickey	58	388
" "	Rosa B. Galleg	58	338
Brantley B. J.	Nyman & Dancy	58	248
Bradley Ann	Margarette Lewis	62	112
Bradley B. An.	" " "	62	112
Braswell A.	W. V. Bobbitt	62	201
Branch Ann E	J. W. Jenkins & Co	68	51
Braswell A.	Jos. Towns	69	161
" "	J. R. Tillery	71	326
Branch A. E.	E. S. Altop Atty	71	112
" "	Branch & Pope	70	213
Bradley A.	A. Garibaldi	72	256
Brantley B. J.	W. J. Whitehead	76	128
" "	Baker Howard	76	128
Bradley Alex	A. Garibaldi	83	313
" "	" " "	86	9

2		Braswell C.	J. W. Smith	
7	408	Braswell C.	James Braswell	
9	846	Bradley David wife	W. H. Light (br. br. S.)	
8	347	Bradley & Debnick	Jos. F. Bishop	
8	231	Bradley Constantine	W. S. Swannick	
8	353	"	Dunn Todd	
29	113	" wife	Jos. W. Jenkins	
1	425	"	Dunn Todd	
3	256	"	Jos. W. Jenkins	
4	218	"	J. W. Fancett	
7	751	"	W. Whitehead	
7	288	"	R. N. Daniel	
7	373	"	J. M. Mullen	
8	337	"	J. B. Pettitt	
8	410	Braswell C.	D. Bell	
8	205	Bradley C.	James M. Mullen	
8	228	"	W. E. Daniel	
9	296	"	F. Satterding	
2	61	Braswell Drew	S. Shields	
2	52	Bradley C.	Donfield Lumber Co	
8	231	Bradley Bettie F.	David Bell Trus.	
5	96	Braswell Drew	J. H. Manning	
5	136	Braswell Annie M.	J. E. Dawson	
4	366	Braswell Drew	W. E. Davenport	
9	99	Bradley Alex	S. S. Alsop	
2	214	Braswell Drew	G. S. White	
2	427	Bradley C.	H. B. Curtis	
18	310	Braswell C.	W. F. Parker	
2	59	"	Nancy Braswell	
2	137	Bradley Carey W.	W. H. House	
2	348	"	A. P. Kitchen Trus.	
5	441	Braswell C.	A. C. Parker	
5	492	"	Spencer Ward	
5	492	Bradley C.	Martha Pullen	
8	338	"	J. C. Pullen	
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Bradford Elizabeth	Jo. Philip Buckley	1	14	1
Bradford John	Caroline Tullent	28	176	
Branch E. J.	Albena Branch	36	88	
Branch Evelina F.	B. F. Gary	36	238	
Branch E. J. wife	Ann B. Joyner	36	548	
Branch Ediz ^a	Dover	22	150	2
"	"	22	154	
"	Geo. A. Branch	33	639	
Branch E. J.	Jos. Cole	36	683	
" " " J. R.	Chuck & Caphart	36	651	
Brantley Edward	Wm Spear	17	464	3
"	Eli Harris et al	11	7	
"	Henry Applewhite	19	149	
"	Robert Pittman	19	423	
Branch Eveline	Jos. W. Jenkins & Co	37	181	
Branch E. H. Geo. W.	"	38	397	4
Branch E. J. wife	Jno. R. Pettitt	39	101	
Bradley Ezekiel et al	P. B. Key	39	11	
" " " wife	Geo. L. Knight	39	280	
Branch E. J.	J. J. Alsop	45	668	
Braswell Elijah	Enoch Simmons	26	151	5
Branch E. J.	Geo. B. Curtis	46	174	
" " " Justice	P. B. Key	46	372	
"	J. N. Hill	47	433	
Bradford Edw. J.	J. B. Batchelor P. A.	46	382	
Branch E. J.	Wm. M. Snowley	45	248	6
" " "	Geo. B. Curtis	47	512	
" " "	Jno. J. Alsop	50	137	
" " "	Shirley Fenner	51	517	
" " "	A. E. Joyner	52	136	
" " "	Jennie H. Kiddick	52	500	7
" " "	P. B. Key	57	468	
" " "	W. E. Williams	58	486	
" " "	Georgianna Partin	58	159	
" " "	Spencer Ward	58	261	
" " "	G. W. Harder	60	98	8
Bradley Ezra	J. W. Jenkins	62	554	
Branch E. J.	J. H. Parker	65	191	
" " " Com.	"	65	197	
Branch Ediza	C. P. Simmons	71	255	
Branch E. J.	B. F. Gary	71	83	9
"	Anna Haron	72	149	
Branch Evelyn F.	D. D. Branch	72	61	
Bradley Ellen	Branch & Pope	72	204	
Branch E. J. Com.	Strouse Loeb & Co	73	1261	
"	A. Moreley	73	280	10
Bradley Ellen	Nat. Dunn	74	92	
Bradley Ezekiel	"	74	92	
Bradley Ellen	David Nell	74	497	
Branch E. J.	Albena White	75	186	

14	1	Branch Geo. A.	Wm. White	41
176		Branch Geo. A.	Wm. White	41
82		Branch Geo. A.	Wm. White	41
239		Branch Geo. A.	Wm. White	41
543		Branch Geo. A.	Wm. White	41
150	2	Branch Harriett	Wm. White	41
154		" " "	Wm. White	41
639		" " "	Wm. White	41
683		Branch Amy G.	Wm. White	41
651		Bradley Helen	Wm. White	41
469	3	Branch Gideon	Wm. White	41
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158	5	Bradley Ira	Wm. White	41
174		Bradshaw Isham	Wm. White	41
372		" " "	Wm. White	41
433		Branch G. A.	Wm. White	41
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248	6	Bradford Henry	Wm. White	41
502		" " "	Wm. White	41
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1			Branch John ^{land recd from}	John Hardy	6	128	1
			wife Ann	Math ^r Barrett	7	68	
			Ann	Isaac Strickland	7	170	
			"	Richard Samuell	8	62	
			"	Morgan Lewis	13	290	
2			"	W ^m Hill	13	415	2
			"	Joel Dillard	15	524	
			"	W ^m Wrotten	15	525	
			"	Rich ^d Burt	14	198	
			"	Jno Ford	16	342	
3			Bradford John et al	Matthew Jones	10	213	3
			"	John Reed	12	147	
			"	Gough Whittaker	12	368	
			"	Math ^r Bradford	12	362	
			"	Henry Bradford	15	537	
4			Bradford John	Boirelius Carter	9	425	4
			(self)	W ^m Barrow	9	549	
			"	W ^m Hamilton & Co	9	443	
			"	Edward Stephens	9	457	
			"	Moses Butts	9	467	
5			"	Archibald Buchanan	9	512	5
			"	W ^m Hamilton & Co.	9	540	
			"	Arvon Head Pendry	11	20	
			"	John Good	10	36	
			"	Jos. Mountfort	10	156	
6			Bryant Samuel	Robt. Webb	6	233	6
			Bryant Nancy A.	W. A. Shields	51	660	
			Bryan Enoy	Edw. Crowell	54	787	
			Bryan Martha J.	B. B. Bryan	61	573	
			Bryan M. L.	G. S. White Trus.	66	281	
			Bradford John wife	Edmund Daniel	13	148	
			"	Thos. Hill	13	588	
			"	W ^m Watcher	15	844	
			"	Willie Grizzle	15	375	
			"	Henry Bradford	16	539	
			"	Sam ^l Crowell	16	34	8
			"	John Deuell	16	178	
			"	Elizabeth Long	16	410	
			Bradford John	" Sgt.	16	413	
			"	" Road	16	424	
			Bryant W ^m	Solomon Ackerson	7	230	9
			wife	W ^m Whitaker	7	298	
			"	Lewis Lewis	10	643	
			"	Jonathan Joyner	18	705	
			"	Abraham Whitwell	24	192	
			Bryan M. L.	B. P. Simmons	74 A	353	10
			Bryan W ^m Ann	Wm. Cook	75 B	323	
			Bryan Willie	W. B. Bell	76 B	84	
			Bryan W ^m	"	78	357	

653	Bradley Jos	Philip Abaton	3	360
780	Bradley Jos	Robert Kenward	3	360
801	Bradley Jos	Jos. Jos Abaton	3	360
819	Bradley Jos	Jos. Bradley	4	360
921	Bradley James	Piles Carter	5	360
59	Bradley John	W ^m Powell	17	290
152	Bradley John H.	Sugar & Davis	28	360
224	Bradley Jos. et ux	L. H. B. Whitaker	34	210
270	Bryant W ^m	H. J. Pope	34	315
392	Bryant W ^m	W ^m Mills	3	288
469	Bryant W ^m	Geo Belcher	3	387
388	Bryant W ^m Sr.	Jno. Dryhand	3	404
511	Bryant W ^m	W ^m Bryant Jr.	3	445
25	Bryant W ^m	Joseph Bryant	3	446
93	"	Jacob Jones	3	526
425	"	Solomon Atkinson	4	470
446	Bryan W ^m	James Barnes	5	169
5	"	W ^m Rhoads	5	257
317	"	Thos. Turner	5	290
108	"	Drew Smith	5	280
262	"	Jos. Atkinson	5	400
638	" et al	Lewis Williams	6	8
277	"	James Smith	6	309
116	"	John Drew	6	319
347	"	Sam ^l Viggans	7	346
349	Bryan Walter	Bullen Edwards	9	304
413	"	Jonathan Cain	9	475
483	"	Hardy Brown	9	561
148	Bryan Thos.	"	9	535
300	Bryan W ^m	W ^m Parish	5	90
51	Branch W ^m	Jonas Cohen	35	610
383	"	L. B. Manning	34	350
44	"	John Whitehead	34	350
9	Bryan W ^m	Am. M ^r . Mahon	34	410
134	"	Seabell DeLoach	11	310
272	Bryant W ^m	Jacob Parker	12	300
324	"	W ^m Boycane	17	500
331	"	Blount Jyner	17	500
368	"	Ren Diken	18	500
389	"	Robt. Amistead	18	500
416	"	Hardiman Bishop	18	500
491	"	Josiah Adams	22	500
19	Bryant Rudham	Whitall Bramwell	24	500
350	"	Jesse Dawson	26	500
350	"	Division of Land	28	500
350	"	Branch	28	500
350	"	"	28	500

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	Bradley Joseph	Abraham Jones	" 72	
	Braswell Jacob	Benj. Burns	" 177	
	Bradford, Jno	Thomas Pope	" 189	2
	Branch "	Barnaby "	" 201	
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	Branch John	Nancy Foot	21 468	
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	Branch John	Willis Draughn	30 35	
	"	James Parker	30 111	
	"	Parismus Tilley	30 149	
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	"	Ely Mason	38 115	
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	"	Joseph Crompton	" 205	
	" wife	Jerse Pope	7 264	
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	Branch Jno. Sr.	John Branch Jr.	3 187	
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	"	John Tilley	32 144	
	"	Wm. Branch	32 224	
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	"	Jenniah Hilliard	408	
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	"	Jos. P. Braswell	35 125	
	Branch Jno. H.	D. D. Bayan	35 367	
	Branch John H.	Elliott Bros.	36 661	
	"	W. W. Daniel	34 326	
	Brantley John	Wm. Brantley	11 286	10
	Brantley James	Duncan Lamson	17 528	
	"	Batt. Basson	23 40	
	Brantley John	James Pittman	27 165	

489t Burnt Coat Swamp
 v. B. C. Bond
 Bachelors corner
 24th St. Parkers Corner

489t
 Supt. to Halifax
 whitening chimney
 property of
 Dr. E. Bradford

489t
 in Enfield
 Baker, Vinton Lot

489t
 21 Sep. 1840

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 27 Mar 1864

Sec.	Month	Day	Year			
1				Branch Jas. Branch	So. Wm. Hill	
				"	John Branch	
				"	Nicholas Long	
				"	Thomas Branch	
				"	John Turner	
				"	Nicholas Branch	
2				"	James Branch	
				"	Joshua Cole	
				"	Edi. B. Whitaker	
				"	John Branch Junr	
				"	Wm. Whitaker	
3				"	James Branch	
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6				Bradley Jesse	James Bradley	
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				Bradley Jas. D.	Williams Black	
7				Branch John	John Bailey	
				"	J. H. & J. Bailey	
				" + Jas.	John Brown	
				"	Jesse Simmons	
				"	James Parker	
8				Bradford John	H. B. Bradford	
				Branch J. B.	Bankruptcy	
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				Branch James	Wm. Branch	
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				"	John Carter	
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				"	Thos. Larkin	
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and, upon the special bargain, promise to him and his
heirs and assigns forever and the same covenant by them
to be kept firm for ever and ever. And the said
to the effect mentioned aforesaid, promise do hereby shew
I have made and my heirs and assigns shall the 16th day of
June 1781.

Signed, sealed & delivered } Hopkiss Hildreth & seal
in the presence of us

John Cotton Arthur A. Hotten To say for William - do - ✓

Edgewood County of Maryland 1781. The within deed of the
was acknowledged in open Court in due form of Law
in my Court and records to be registered.

Witness my hand & seal the 16th day of June 1781

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The Indenture made the twenty second day of May^{and} in the
year of Our Lords King George the thirds reign the
fourth & of our Britannick Majesty King of Great Britain
of the City of Edgewood of the one party and William
Hildreth of the same County of the other part. Witnesseth that
for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred
pounds money to him in hand paid by the said William
Hildreth of these presents. Hildreth granted bargain sold
conveyed and by these presents doth hold and give and
guarantee unto the said William Hildreth his heirs and assigns
forever of land lying and being in Edgewood County
of the said County of a tract of five hundred acres granted by
Patent to Edward Ross bearing date the fourth day of August
1740 bounded as follows. Beginning at a gum on the North
side of Elk Branch thence to 200 poles to the center of
the said tree thence to the center of a 200 poles to a gum thence
to 200 poles to an oak on the main swamp so along the
swamp to the first station containing two hundred and fifty
acres thence with all and singular the appurtenances to
being the land and plantation which Thomas Bostwick
did formerly live with all and singular the rights and
privileges whatsoever in and unto the same with all privileges
of Hunting Woodhouse and Feeding and clear of all incumbrances
and charges whatsoever and the said John Brause give, warrant the
same premises against all persons whatsoever with lawful
aid and support. He said William Hildreth his heirs and assigns
never against the claim of any person or persons or their
heirs or assigns whomsoever and the said John Brause hath been and
shall be and doth hereby certify that he doth not know of any
claim or demand against the said premises.

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In Witness Whereof }
I Wm Hildreth }
Jno. B. Brause & seal ✓

with the following bounds viz Beginning at the Spanish Oak
 Green Corner tree and runs North 50th 320 Pole to a Pine then S.
 20th 120 Pole to a Red Oak in the Swamp then along the Swamp
 Sth 55th Eth 280 Pole to an oak in Green Lane then to the beginning -
 which Sth Land is a Patent for three hundred acres land formerly
 granted to the Sth Thomas the 10th day of April one thousand seven
 hundred and forty five, with all and singular the rights heretofore
 appertaining and appertaining whatsoever to the Sth Land and
 all and singular other the premises unto the Sth Samuel DeLoatch
 his heirs and assigns forever in as clear and ample manner
 to all intents and purposes whatsoever as a pure Indefeasible
 Estate of fee simple absolutely can be had or enjoyed and
 such an Estate in and to the premises the said Thomas Tully
 hereby binds and obliges himself his heirs Executors and Admin-
 istrators to warrant and defend to the Sth Samuel DeLoatch his
 heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof the Sth Thomas
 Tully hath hereunto put his hand and seal the day and year
 first above written Thomas Tully & a seal. Signed Sealed
 and delivered in the presence of Francis Griffis, & a mark.
 James Vallenine & a mark. Daniel Bohorn & a mark. Edge-
 combe County for February Court. 1747. The within deed of
 Sale from Thomas Tully to Samuel DeLoatch was in open Court
 proved in due form of Law by the oath of Francis Griffis one
 of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be registered.
 Just. Robert Forster Cler. Cur.

This Indenture made the nineteenth day of Feby
 in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred
 and forty seven. Eight, and in the sixteenth year of the Reign
 of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of
 Great Britain France, Ireland King Defender of the Faith
 between John Maule Sen^r of the Province of North Carolina
 and County of Edgecombe Planter. and John Brauch Jun^r
 of the afores^d Province and County Planter Witnesseth that
 the S^d John Brauch Sen^r for and in consideration of, have
 given granted & delivered to the S^d John Brauch Jun^r his
 heirs and assigns forever One certain tract or parcel of
 Land lying and being in the afores^d Province and County
 containing one hundred acres more or less being half of the
 of Land that I John Brauch Sen^r took up on the
 Beech Swamp Beginning at a maple stands in the branch
 and so runs down the S^d branch in to the Swamp and along
 the swamp to a Pine, and so a line of mark'd tree to
 a Red oak and so to the maple at the begin^g. to John
 Brauch Jun^r. To have and to hold the S^d granted premises

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profession of all & singular the said granted premises a-
 gainst any just and law full claim of any manner of person
 or persons whatsoever claiming by from or under me or
 any other person whatsoever. In witness whereof I the
 said Green Hill have hereunto set my hand and Seal
 this twenty second day of Feb^r 1748. Green Hill and a
 Seal. Signed, sealed & in presence of John Haywood,
 Stephen Cade. Edgemont County for May Court 1749
 The above deed of sale was acknowledged in open
 Court in due form of Law on motion was ordered to
 be recorded. Just Benⁿ Wynne Clerk

John - This Indenture made the sixth day of October in
 Brauch the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and forty
 eight Between John Brauch Jun^r of Edgemont County
 to in the Province of North Carolina of the one part and William
 Campbell of the of record of the other part Witnesses that
 Campbell the said John Brauch Jun^r and in consideration of the
 sum of Twenty two Pounds Ten Shillings Current money of
 Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Will^m Camp-
 bell the Receipt whereof the said John Brauch doth
 hereby acknowledge them of & of every part thereof both
 hereby exonerate acquit & discharge the said William
 Campbell his heirs Ex^{rs} and Adm^{rs} by these presents
 and for diverse other good causes and considerations
 him thereunto moving he the said John Brauch hath
 granted bargained, sold, aliened & Conferred and by these
 presents doth fully and absolutely grant, bargain, sell,
 alien and Confirm unto the said William Campbell
 his heirs and assigns forever all that tract or parcel of
 Land containing by estimation one hundred acres lying
 & being in Edgemont County in the Province of North
 Carolina on the South side of Peach Swamp Beginning
 at a Pine in the Swamp So running along the line to a
 Red oak, So along a line of mark^t trees to a maple in
 the branch So down the to a gum So along the Swamp
 to the beginning containing one hundred acres together
 with all Rights, profits, benefits and franchises there-
 unto belonging or in any wise appertaining and all & Sing-
 ular the houses, buildings, orchards & appurtenances to the
 same and belonging & the Reversion & Reversions, Remain-
 der & Remainders, Right Estate In trust benefit & claim and
 demand whatsoever from the said John Brauch his heirs
 Ex^{rs} & assigns of us & to all & singular the s^d premises and
 of every part and parcel of them. To have and to hold

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the said Messuage or Tenement and all Singular other the
 premises here in before mentioned and intended to be
 hereby granted with their & every of their Appurtenances unto
 the said William Campbell his heirs & assigns forever
 to the only use & behoof of him the said William Camp-
 bell his heirs & assigns forever more. And the said John
 March for himself his heirs Ex^{or} & Ad^{or} both Covenant
 promise grant and agree to and with the said William
 Campbell his heirs and assigns that he the said W^m Camp-
 bell shall peaceably and quietly possess occupy & enjoy the
 said bargained premises to him and his heirs & assigns for-
 ever and the same warrant and defend by these presents to
 be clear and free from the least suit, trouble or molestation
 or interruption of any person or persons whatsoever that may
 offer to lay claim, title or interest to the above named granted
 premises. In witness whereof the parties aforesaid came
 together chargeably set their hands & seals the day and year a-
 fore written. John B^{ro} March & a Seal Anne B^{ro} March & a
 Seal Signed Sealed & L^{ed} in the presence of us William
 Spright, Nicholas Royal Edgemoor County for May Court
 1749. The within deed of Sale was duly proved in open
 Court by the oath of William Spright an Widower Clerk
 and on motion was ordered to be recorded.

Just Beu^{er} Wynns Clerk Cur.

William Kinch Joseph Pearce
 His Indenture made the Seventh day of May in
 the year of our Lord the thousand Seven hundred forty nine
 Between William Kinchen Jun^r of the Province of North Car-
 lina & County of Edgemoor of the one part. And Joseph Pearce
 of the Province & County aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that
 the said William Kinchen Jun^r for and in consideration
 of the sum of Thirty pounds Current money of Virginia
 to him in hand paid by the said Joseph Pearce the receipt
 whereof is hereby acknowledged and of every part & parcel thereof
 of dolemerale acquit & discharge the said Joseph Pearce his
 heirs Ex^{or} & Ad^{or} forever have bargained sold conveyed &
 confirmed unto the said Joseph Pearce his heirs & assigns
 forever one certain tract or parcel of Land containing be-
 tween Two hundred & forty seven Acres be the same more
 or less being part & piece of a quarter tract of Land plant-
 tion where the of Joseph Pearce now dwell which tract
 of Land and plantation is better & bounded as follow:
 (to wit) Beginning at a Red cat on the merry Prance
 then S^o 77^o poles to a Black Jack. Beu^{er} Jones
 then S^o 80 poles then W^o 320 poles to Robert Dimes line

give grant bargain sell release convey & confirm unto
 the s^d Peter Barbare his heirs Ex^{rs} Adm^{rs} forever
 the Messuage or Part of Land lying & being in the Province
 & County afores^d and situate on the West side of Perriat
 Swamp containing by estimation one hundred acres of
 Land be the same more or less and being and bounding
 as follows Beginning at a Pine William Allen's Sec^{er}
 Corner, thence down Rowland Williams Lane to a Pine a cor-
 ner tree, thence along a line of marked trees down to the afores^d
 Swamp, thence up the various course of the s^d Swamp to
 to the first Station - To have and to hold the said granted
 and bargained premises free and clear and fully and clearly
 to him the s^d Peter Barbare his heirs Ex^{rs} Adm^{rs} or assigns
 have fully, fully and absolutely given granted conveyed
 convey'd & confirm'd in manner as afores^d the s^d one hun-
 dred acres of Land with the Plantation & all other conveniences
 therunto belonging or in any ways appertaining to him
 the said Peter Barbare his heirs & assigns forever And
 I the said William Allen lawfully seized and possessed
 of the same in an absolute Right in fee Simple and
 have in myself good right full power and lawfull authori-
 ty to sell and dispose of the same in manner as afores^d
 and I do for myself my heirs Ex^{rs} & Adm^{rs} by these presents
 warrant Secure and defend the afores^d one hundred acres
 of Land with the plantation and all other conveniences
 therunto belonging or in any ways appertaining to him
 the s^d Peter Barbare his heirs & assigns forever. In
 Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & fixt my seal
 the Day and year first above written. W^m Allen and a Seal
 Sigm^d Siald & Dea^r presence of R^o Williams, Sam^l Ruffin
 Edgecombe County s^d. August Court 1750. The above
 Deed of Sale was duly find in open Court by the oath of
 Samuel Ruffin an evidence thereto and on main was or-
 dered to be recorded. Test J^{es} W^m W^m Clerk Cur

Richard
 Street
 to
 John
 March

North Carolina. To all people to whom these presents
 shall come giving know ye that I Richard Street of
 Edgecombe County in the Province afores^d Planter for
 in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Pounds Cur-
 rent money of Virginia to me in hand paid by John
 March jun^r of the County and Province afores^d the
 receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge Have and
 by these presents do fully, fully, clearly and absolutely
 give grant bargain sell release convey Release convey
 confirm assign & set over unto him the said John

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March Jun^r his heirs and Assigns forever A Certain
 Part or divided of Land containing by him Two hundred
 fifty Acre be the same more or less it being part of
 a Part of Land containing five hundred Acre granted
 by a Patent unto Edward Poole bearing date the fourth
 day of August 1740 lying & being in the County of For^s
 Bounded as follows Beginning at a gum on the East
 Swamp, then N^o. 50 280 p^o. to the Center of Two Red
 Oaks then to the Center then 40 Et 300 Pole to gum; then
 50 Et 280 Pole to an Ash on the main Swamp then along
 the S^o Swamp to the first Station To Have and to hold
 the S^o granted & bargained Land Land & premises Solo
 as afores^d and all & singular the Rights prerogative
 Commodities Hereditaments Appurtenances and Appurtenances
 unto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto him
 the said John March Jun^r his heirs & Assigns forever
 with the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder & Remainders
 Rents Issues & Profits of the said granted premises with
 their and every of their Appurtenances unto him the S^o John
 March Jun^r his heirs and Assigns forever in fee Simple
 Absolute free from all Incumbrances w^t s^o w^t s^o w^t s^o
 now due and hereafter becoming due only excepted in
 as full & ample manner to all Intents & purposes as
 the most Reamed in the Law can devise unto him the
 said John March his heirs & Assigns forever Not only a-
 gainst myself my heirs Ex^{ors} Ad^{ors} & Assigns but also
 against the Lawfull Claims & demands of all
 or any other person or persons w^t s^o w^t s^o I hereby
 promise to warrant Secure maintain & defend the
 S^o granted & bargained Land & premises Solo as a-
 fores^d unto him the S^o John March Jun^r his heirs
 and Assigns forever In Witness whereof I the S^o
 Rich^d Street have hereunto set my hand and Seal
 the Twenty Second day of November Anno Dom. 1749
 in the 22nd year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George
 the Second King &c. Richard Street and a Seal
 Seal'd & D^d in the presence of us John Phillips
 James Parton.

Edgecombe County fe August Court 1750 The Abm
 deed of sale was duly prov'd in open Court by the
 oath of John Phillips an evidence thereto and on
 motion was ordered to be recorded.

Test Phillip Phillips Clerk (w^o)

Edgewood being 27 May 1756. This deed of sale was in open Court duly proved by the oath of Thomas Higgins an evidence therein and in process ordered to be registered. Test. Jas. Montfort Esq. Sec. Gen.

John M'rauch
to
John M'rauch

North Carolina, Edgewood county 27: This Indenture made the 17th day of April Anno Dom. 1756
thousand seven hundred and fifty six Between W^m M'rauch of the County and Province of North
of the one part and John M'rauch of the said County and Province of the other part Witnesseth that
the said W^m M'rauch for and in consideration of the sum of the pounds current money of the Colo-
ny of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said John M'rauch before the making and delivery
hereof the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and himself fully satisfied and con-
tent hath granted bargained sold aliened conveyed and confirmed and by these
present doth fully and absolutely bargain sell alien convey confirm unto the
said John M'rauch his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract of land lying on the North
side of Beaver dam swamp in said County containing two hundred and thirteen acres
of land be the same more or less it being part of a tract of land granted to W^m M'rauch
by the Right Honourable John Earl Granville by deed bearing date the thirtieth of October
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four beginning at a Heart-
sycamore tree at a pine in Joseph John Helton line to a red oak running along
a row of maple trees to a white oak corner tree then along Heartung line to the first
station to the use and behoof of him the said John M'rauch his heirs and assigns forever together
with all and singular the woods and underwoods mines and minerals same and incidents with all
houses and out houses gardens meadows hereditaments and appurtenances to the same be-
longing or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold the said tract of land together
with the above premises to the said John M'rauch his heirs and assigns forever and
I the said W^m M'rauch for my heirs Executors and assigns forever do covenant prom-
ise and agree to and with the said John M'rauch his heirs and assigns forever
by these presents that he the said John M'rauch his heirs and assigns shall and may in all
times hereafter peaceably and quietly have hold occupy possess and enjoy the above granted
premises with all the appurtenances therunto belonging fully and wholly discharged and
acquitted of and from all manner of incumbrances whatsoever except the quit rents pay-
able to the Earl Granville for the future and I the said W^m M'rauch doth further covenant
and bind myself my heirs and assigns forever by these presents to warrant and
for ever defend the above granted to the said John M'rauch his heirs and assigns forever
against the lawful claims of all manner of persons claiming by or under me or
them or by whom or under any person or persons whatsoever and will at all
cray times or times hereafter do any such further or other lawful act or acts thing
or things for confirming and making sure the said land to the said John M'rauch
his heirs and assigns forever as shall be thought advisable and necessary by
the said John M'rauch his heirs and assigns or his or their attorney, learned in the
law In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and
date first above written. W^m M'rauch his mark and seal. Signed sealed and
delivered in presence of me et alia
Edgewood being 27 May 1756. This deed of sale was in open Court and duly proved
of law acknowledged and in process ordered to be registered Test. Jas. Montfort Esq. Sec. Gen.

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Graunille
to
John Hardy

This Indenture made the thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four and in the second year of the reign of the right honorable John Earl Graunille Viscount of the one part and John Hardy of Edgercombe county of Northumberland of the other part witnesseth that as well for and in consideration of the sum of three shillings proclamation money to the said John Earl Graunille in hand paid & as also for and in consideration of the said covenants &c he the said Earl hath given granted bargained sold and confirmed and by these presents doth give himself and his heirs give grant bargain sell and confirm unto the said John Hardy his heirs and assigns for ever all that piece and parcel of land situate lying and being in the county of Edgercombe beginning at a corner in Beaver Dam swamp on the North side that being Nathaniel Paulles line North 30 W. 70 E pole to a corner from thence along his other line South 85 W. 20 E pole to a corner white oak then S. 89 E pole to a corner white oak at the mouth of the process branch then down the Beaver Dam swamp to the first station containing in the whole four hundred and fifty five acres of land all which premises together &c to have and to hold &c unto the said John Hardy yielding and paying the yearly rent or sum of eighteen shillings and two pence half penny which is at the rate of three shillings sterling of four shillings proclamation money for every hundred acres &c at or upon &c by half yearly pay ments &c and further &c provided always &c in witness &c Graunille by his last and a seal on Newwood Street Maywood Edgercombe county &c the 20th day of April 1756 This deed of sale was in open Court duly proved by the oath of John Newwood Esq. an avowed tenant and in process ordered to be registered the 20th day of April 1756

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Graunille
to
John Hardy

Graunille
to
Wm Thraush

This Indenture made the thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four and in the second year of the reign of the right honorable John Earl Graunille Viscount of the one part and Wm Thraush of Edgercombe county of Northumberland of the other part witnesseth that as well for and in consideration of the sum of three shillings proclamation money the said John Earl Graunille in hand paid & as also for and in consideration of the said covenants &c he the said Earl hath given granted bargained sold and confirmed and by these presents doth give himself and his heirs give grant bargain sell and confirm unto the said Wm Thraush his heirs and assigns for ever all that piece and parcel of land situate lying and being in the county of Edgercombe beginning at a corner in the swamp of the one part that being the line of the late Thomas Kearney corner white oak then S. 89 E pole to a corner white oak at the mouth of the process branch then down the swamp to the first station containing in the whole six hundred and forty acres of land all which premises together &c to have and to hold &c unto the said Wm Thraush yielding and paying the yearly rent or sum of twenty five shillings and seven pence half penny which is at the rate of 25 shillings sterling of four shillings proclamation money for every hundred acres &c at or upon &c by half yearly pay ments &c and further &c provided always &c in witness &c Graunille by his last and a seal on Newwood Street Maywood Edgercombe county &c the 20th day of October 1756 This deed of sale was in open Court duly proved

Graunille
to
Wm Thraush

3690

Grauville
to
Geo Hodggood

by the oath of Geo. Hayward Esq. an evidence thereof and in manner ordered to be registered. Test Geo. Hayward Clerk.

This Indenture made the twenty fifth day of April one thousand seven hundred and fifty four and in the 14th year of the Right Honourable John Earl Grauville Viscount &c of the one part and John Hodggood of Edgcombe county of the other part witnesses that as well for and in consideration of the sum of three shillings proclamation money to the said John Earl Grauville in hand paid &c as also for and in consideration of the rents covenants &c in the said Earl hath given granted bargained sold and confirmed and by these presents both from himself and his heirs give grant bargain sell and confirm unto the said John Hodggood his heirs and assigns forever all that piece and parcel of land situate lying and being in Edgcombe county in Little swamp and Bee tree branch beginning at a pine running North 360 poles to a pine then West 240 poles then N^o 360 poles to a pine then East 240 poles to the first Station containing in the whole five hundred and forty acres of land all which premises &c together &c to have and to hold &c unto the said John Hodggood yielding and paying &c the yearly rent or sum of three shillings and seven pence half penny which is at the rate of three shillings sterling or four shillings proclamation money for every hundred acres &c at or upon &c by half yearly payments &c and further &c provided always &c In witness whereof &c Grauville by James Green and a seal, &c &c numbered &c John Hayward Sher. Haywards Edgcombe county &c August Court 1756. This deed of sale was in open Court duly proved by the oath of John Hayward Esq. an evidence thereof and in manner ordered to be registered. Test Geo. Hayward Clerk.

Grauville
to
Geo Hodggood

This Indenture made the first day of May in the 14th year of our said one thousand seven hundred and fifty four and in the 14th year of the Right Honourable John Earl Grauville Viscount &c of the one part and James Green of Edgcombe county plaider of the other part witnesses that as well for and in consideration of the sum of three shillings proclamation money to the said John Earl Grauville in hand paid &c as also for and in consideration of the rents covenants &c in the said Earl hath given granted bargained sold and confirmed and by these presents both from himself and his heirs give grant bargain sell and confirm unto the said James Green his heirs and assigns forever all that piece and parcel of land situate lying and being in Edgcombe county on both sides Burncoat swamp the beginning at John Grighttys corner an oak then South 390 poles a pine in the middle line then South S^o W^o along his line 80 poles to a hickory then West 30 poles to John Grighttys line at a pine then N^o 72 W^o 160 poles to James Burncoat a white oak then N^o 53 W^o 160 poles along the swamp to a red oak sapling then West 30 poles then along the swamp then N^o 70 W^o 40 poles to a white oak and pine then N^o 90 poles to John Grighttys line

said Henry his heirs or assigns may from time to time and at all times
virtue of these presents lawfully and peaceably hold use occupy and possess
and enjoy the said devised premises with the appurtenances free and clear and
freely and clearly receive and discharge the said premises and from all manner
of incumbrances and from all other gifts grants bargains sales leases mortgages and
Judgments resolutions and troubles whatsoever and further more for me the said Henry
do warrant the same from the claim or claims of any person or persons whatsoever
In witness whereof I have set my hand and fixed my seal this 12th day of November
1756 and in the thirtieth year of his Majesty King George the Third and seal
Signed Sealed in presence of us W^m Styles J^{ns} Rooney, Edgercombe County ss.
February Court 1757. This deed of sale was in open Court duly proved by the
Oath of John Henry an evidence thereof and on motion ordered to be
registered Test J^{ns} Rooney Clk. Cur.

N. Carolina Edgercombe County ss. This Indenture made the 18th day of May in
the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty six between John
Prouck of the province and county of New-Castle of the one part and John
Hardy of the said County and parish of St. Andrew of the other part Witnesseth that the
said John Prouck for and in the consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred and
twenty five pounds of lawful money of the colony of Virginia to him in hand paid by
the said John Hardy before the witnessing and delivery hereof the receipt
whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and himself fully satisfied and contented
that he hath granted bargained sold with full conveyed and confirmed and by
these presents doth fully and absolutely bargain sell alien and convey and
confirm unto the said John Hardy his heirs and assigns forever a cer-
tain tract or parcel of land lying on the north side of Beaver Run Swamp in said
County containing two hundred and thirtie acres of land to the same more
or less it being part of a tract of land granted to the said Prouck by the
right Honorable John Earl Granville by and bearing the thirtieth day
of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four
and conveyed from the said W^m Prouck to the said John Hardy by an Inven-
ting date April 27th 1756 Beginning at Harney's corner tree at a line
in Joseph pro Clesimo line thence along to a red oak standing along a row
of marked trees to a white oak corner tree thence along Harney's line to the
first Station to the use and behoof of him the said John Hardy his heirs
and assigns forever together with all and singular the woods and under-wood
minerals pits & rivulets with all houses and outhouses gardens
orchards hereditaments or appurtenances to the the same belonging or
in any wise appertaining to have and to hold the said tract of land to
gether with the above premises to the said John Hardy his heirs and
assigns forever and the said John Hardy for himself his heirs and
assigns and every of them do covenant promise and agree to and with
the said John Hardy his heirs and assigns forever by these presents
that he the said John Hardy his heirs shall and may at all times
lawfully peaceably and quietly have hold occupy possess and enjoy the

These granted premises with all the appurtenances thereto belonging freely and
 lawfully acquired of and from all manner of men and women whatsoever except the
 said John Hardy for the future and I the said John Thrauer
 with further consent and bind myself my heirs and assigns of them jointly by their
 presents to warrant and forever defend the above granted premises to the said
 John Hardy his heirs and assigns for ever against the lawfull claim of all
 manner of persons claiming by or under me or them or by or from or under any
 person or persons whatsoever and will at all or any times or times hereafter do
 any such further or lawfull act or acts thing or things for confirming and making
 sure the said land to said John Hardy his heirs and assigns for ever shall
 be thought advisable and necessary by the said John Hardy his heirs and as-
 signs or his or their attorneys learned in the law in Virginia whereof I have
 procured set my hand and seal the day and date first above written John
 Thrauer his mark and seal signed sealed and delivered in presence of
 Benjⁿ Hardy W^m Thrauer his clerk Edgecombe County s^c. February
 Court 1747. This deed of sale was in open Court duly proved by the
 oath of W^m Thrauer an evidence thereto and in more ordered to be regis-
 tered Test Jos. Mudgett cler. cur.

No. Carolina, Edgecombe County s^c. This Indenture made the twentieth day of February
 in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty six between William
 Williams of the one part and Jos. Jos. Williams of the other part Witnesseth that the
 said W^m Williams for and in consideration of the sum of twenty shillings current
 money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Jos. Jos. Williams before
 the executing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby
 acknowledge unto the said Jos. Jos. Williams thereof and of every part and par-
 cel thereof doth hereby acquit and discharge with granted bargain and sold and
 release conveyed conveyed assigned and set over and by these presents doth
 fully and absolutely grant bargain sell alien release convey and assign
 sign and set over unto the said Jos. Jos. Williams his heirs and assigns
 for ever all that tract of land containing one hundred acres by patent bearing
 date the first day of March 1748. Beginning at a pine Thomas Carters
 line then N. 85 W. 120 paces to a red oak then N. 140 paces to a white
 oak then South 85 E. 120 paces to an ash the swamp then the meanders
 of the swamp to the first Station to have and to hold the said tract
 of land containing one hundred acres be the same more or less and
 trees thereon standing lying and growing with all woods waters and
 rivers with all profits commodities and hereditaments to the same belonging
 or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and residue remain-
 der and remainders rents issues and profits thereof and of every part
 and parcel thereof and all the right title and interest claim and de-
 mand whatsoever of him the said W^m Williams or in and to the
 said tract of land and premises and every part thereof and the said
 W^m Williams or his heirs or assigns or assigns doth warrant and
 grant promise and agree to and with the said Jos. Jos. Williams

W^m Williams
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This indenture made this 17th day of January 1816, between Isaac Hilliard of the County of Halifax State of Massachusetts of the one part & Samuel Long of the said County of Halifax of the other part. Witness that the said Isaac Hilliard for in consideration of the sum of three thousand dollars to me in hand paid by the said Samuel Long paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained sold conveyed & by these presents doth bargain sell & convey to the said Samuel Long his heirs & assigns forever all that tract or parcel of land known as the Hammon's land containing five hundred seventy seven acres more or less which said land purchased of Joshua Hopkins lying on both sides of Swankey Creek To have & to hold the said bargained premises unto the only proper use & behoof of him the said Samuel Long his heirs & assigns forever and the said Isaac Hilliard paid doth covenant and agree to and with the said Sam^l. Long that the said Isaac Hilliard at the signing and delivery of these presents is the true & lawful owner of the said lands in fee simple & hath good right to convey the same in fee simple & clear of all incumbrances. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this day & year aforesaid.

In the presence of James B. Bourn Esq. J. W. Bourn Esq. 1816
Isaac Hilliard Esq.
Personally appeared before me Joseph & Daniel Core of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law, James B. Bourn who being sworn testified to the due execution of the within deed. Let it be recorded.
J. J. Daniel J. S. C. L. D.

In the presence of James B. Bourn Esq. J. W. Bourn Esq. 1816
Isaac Hilliard Esq.
Personally appeared before me Joseph & Daniel Core of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law, James B. Bourn who being sworn testified to the due execution of the within deed. Let it be recorded.
J. J. Daniel J. S. C. L. D.

In the presence of James B. Bourn Esq. J. W. Bourn Esq. 1816
Isaac Hilliard Esq.
Personally appeared before me Joseph & Daniel Core of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law, James B. Bourn who being sworn testified to the due execution of the within deed. Let it be recorded.
J. J. Daniel J. S. C. L. D.

This indenture made the tenth day of January 1825, between Benjamin Williamson and his wife Mary Williamson of the County of Northampton State of Massachusetts of the one part & Samuel Long of Halifax County State of Massachusetts of the other part. Witness that the said Benjamin Williamson, Mary Williamson, & his wife Elizabeth Boylan & his wife Elizabeth Boylan in consideration of the sum of thirteen hundred & thirty two dollars to them in hand paid by the said Samuel Long, the receipt whereof the said Benjamin, Mary, William & Elizabeth do hereby acknowledge hath given granted bargained sold conveyed & confirmed by these presents doth give grant bargain sell alien & confirm unto the said Samuel Long his heirs & assigns forever

This indenture made this 12th day of January 1826, between Isaac Hilliard of the County of Wake, State of North Carolina
 being of the one part & Samuel Long of the said County of Wake, State of North Carolina of the other part, witness that the said Isaac
 Hilliard for & in consideration of the sum of three thousand dollars to one in hand paid by the said Samuel Long
 paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained sold conveyed & by these presents doth bargain
 sell & convey to the said Samuel Long his heirs & assigns forever all that tract or parcel of land known as
 Isaac's Land, containing five hundred seventy seven acres more or less, which said land purchased of
 Joshua Hopkins lying on both sides of Swankey Creek, To have & to hold the said bargained premises unto the
 only proper use & behoof of him the said Samuel Long his heirs & assigns forever. And the said Isaac Hill-
 iard doth covenant and agree to and with the said Sam. Long, that the said Isaac Hilliard at the sealing and
 delivery of these presents is the true & lawful owner of the said lands in fee simple & hath good right to
 convey the same in fee simple & clear of all incumbrances. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand & seal this day & year aforesaid.

In the presence of James Brown - Juro. Brown (March 1826)

Isaac Hilliard Seal

Personally appeared before me Joseph John Daniel one of the judges of the Superior Court of Law, John
 Brown who being sworn testified to the due execution of the within deed. Let it be registered.

for in J. Boulton P.R. 3rd Apl. 1826

J. J. Daniel J.S. C. & B.

Know all men by these presents that we Washington Branch, Gideon Alston Jr & Elizabeth his wife, both of the County of
 for & in consideration of the sum of three thousand eight hundred & thirty two dollars & fifty cents in hand paid
 before the signing & sealing of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained sold convey-
 ed & by these presents do bargain sell alien & convey unto Samuel Long the undivided two thirds of
 a certain tract or parcel of land lying & being in the County of Halifax, State of North Carolina, the whole tract
 bounded as follows, Beginning at a Walnut stump on the banks of the River & running S. 25 E. 217 poles to a cypress stump
 N. 62 E. 74 poles to a stake, then N. 27 W. 68 poles to a stake then S. 80 1/2 E. 74 1/2 poles to a stake then S. W. 29 poles
 to a stake then N. 60 1/2 E. 68 1/2 poles to a stake then N. 26 W. 111 poles to the river, thence up the meanders
 thereof to the beginning, containing three hundred & twenty eight acres & a half, To have & to hold the said un-
 divided two thirds of the said tract or parcel of land to him the said Samuel Long his heirs & assigns forever, and
 unto the said Washington Branch, Gideon Alston Jr. & Elizabeth his wife the eight better interest to & in the said two
 thirds of the said tract or parcel of land to the said Samuel Long his heirs & assigns forever for
 ourselves & each of us, our & each of our heirs Executors & Administrators will forever warrant defend & against
 the lawful claim of all persons whatsoever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals
 this 18 day of January 1825.

Washington Branch Seal
 Gideon Alston Jr. Seal
 Elizabeth W. Alston Seal

Duly executed in presence of
 The word Long having been first interlined.
 State of North Carolina.

Elizabeth Alston the wife of Gideon Alston Jr. was by me examined separately & apart from her husband
 & she acknowledged that she signed the above deed freely & voluntarily & not by any coercion of her husband.
 Washington Branch & Gideon Alston acknowledged that they executed the above deed for the purposes therein
 contained. Therefore let it be registered. Halifax Jan 18 - 1825

for in J. Boulton P.R. 4th Apl. 1826.

J. J. Daniel J.S. C. & B.

This indenture made the thirteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred & twenty six between
 Benjamin Williamson and his wife Mary Williamson all of the County of Northampton & State of
 North Carolina and William Bowen and his wife Elizabeth Bowen of the County of Northampton & State of

Wm. H. R. 1832

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1850 Halifax Co., NC, Census

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Wills, 1755-1781 (item 1 + 2)

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" item 3 Vol I Bagly-Braunell 1772-1854 (item 3)

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Halifax Methodist Church 1778-1886 ministers only for early years

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The North Carolina Journal 1792 -- 1810 good for ^{local} worldwide notes + color

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Allen, W.C. History of Halifax County [North Carolina]. Boston. 1918

Halifax Co., NC

Deeds

Book/Page

- 13/290 £300 John Branch to Margan Lewis in Jan 1775
200 acres formerly known as George Sharts Well
- 13/405 £53⁺ John Branch to Wm Hill signed J. Branch 19 Feb. 1777
100 acres David Hunter's line
- 15/524 £133 John Branch to Joel Dilliard signed J. Branch 29 Aug 1785
^{+ Rebecca his wife}
150 acres Rocky Branch Beaver Dam Swamp
- 15/525 £ John Branch to Wm Wooten signed J. Branch 10 July 1786
^{+ Rebecca his wife}
55 Beaver Dam Swamp at Taylors, Kemys, etc.
- * 16/133 John Branch Sr to John Branch Jr 21 Nov. 1786
600 acres ^{in love + affection bears to son}
Stucland Branch Beach Swamp witness J. Branch
- 16/198 John Branch to Richard Burt (J. Branch) 29 Aug 1786
ES Beaver Dam
- 16/342 John Branch to John Ford (Jno Branch) 7 Aug 1787
Fishing Creeks

John Branch & Ann to James Milliken
his new wife
"of Bertie"

150 acres
55 More tract, Rines
per mill of Mrs Brown

8 Aug 1730

per Public

(1/2 of land I took up)

Deed DB 3/187

John Branch Sr. to John Branch, Jr.
both "of the Province of North Carolina
and County of Edgecombe, Planter"

100 acres
Beech Swamp
£ set given

19 Feb. 1747/8

"mark"

" DB 3/353

John Branch, Jr. & Ann to Wm Campbell
"of Edgecombe Co in the
Province of N C

100 acres
55 Beech Swamp
£ 22. 10

6 Oct 1748

John "B" & Ann X" ✓

" DB 3/519

Richard Street & John Branch, Jr.

250 acres
Elk Swamp
£ 15 Va money

22 Nov. 1749

4/29

William Campbell to John Branch, Jr.
"of Edgecombe Co. N C"

100 acres Beech Swamp
(1/2 land given Branch Sr.
to take up)
One Pence

2 Feb. 1750

4/90

John Branch to William Handley
"of Edgecombe Co. N C."

? size 150 lbs Swamp
part of land to the miller patent
tract of 500 to Edmund Parr
4 Aug 1740

22 May 1751

John "B"

William Branch to John Branch
"of Edgecombe Co. N C"

£ 16 Va money

1756

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Items Jane

BRANCH

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, William Branch Senior of the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina, being of sound
 & perfect Mind & Memory, blessed by God, do this twenty-fourth day of October in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven
 hundred & Ninety three, make & publish my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, that is to say. Imprimis, I
 give and recommend my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me, & my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion
 of my Executors hereafter mentioned; and touching such Worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in
 this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner Viz: ^{Items} It is my Will & desire that all my just debts be
 first paid out of the Whole of my estate by my Executors hereafter Named. ^{Item} I lend to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Branch
 as long as she shall remain my Widow the use of the plantation whereon I now live containing One hundred Acres of land and
 also the use of two Negroes: Viz, Sarah and Ned, & ten pounds Virginia Money to be applied for the use of buying a horse,
 three Cows & Calves, two feather beds & furniture, three Sows & pigs, six head of sheep, all the Geese, One loom & Gear,
 all of my spinning wheels & Cards and One flax hackle. And after her death or Marriage, all that I have lent to my
 said Wife both land and personal Estate, I give, devise & bequeath to my Son Nicholas Branch, to him, his heirs & assigns
 forever. ^{Item} I give and bequeath to my son John Branch One Negro boy called by the name of George, to him, his heirs &
 assigns forever. ^{Item} I give to my Daughter Ann ^{Flemellen} five shillings Current Money of the State of North
 Carolina exclusive of what I have already heretofore given to her, to her, her heirs & assigns forever. ^{Item} I lend to
 my Daughter Elizabeth Marshall, the use of four Negroes Viz^e Winny, Beck, Violet & Sarah, as long as she the said Elizabeth
 Marshall lives a natural life & at her death the aforesaid Negroes & their increase ^{to} be at her Own Disposal, to give
 them & their increase to whom she pleases. ^{Item} I give & bequeath to my daughter ^{Elizabeth} Overstreet One Chintz pattern for a
 Gown & five shillings Current Money of the State of North Carolina Exclusive of what I have heretofore already given her,
 to her, her heirs & assigns forever. ^{Item} I give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha Dillard fifteen pounds Virginia Money,
 exclusive of what I have already given to her heretofore, to her, her heirs & assigns forever. ^{Item} I give & bequeath to my
 Daughter Mary Seylock two Negroes Viz^e Annaca & little Doll, to her, her heirs and assigns forever. ^{Item} I give & bequeath
 to my Daughter Sarah Hill three Negroes Viz^e Bibb, Esther & Lewis & ten pounds Virginia Money, to her, her heirs & assigns
 forever. ^{Item} I give & bequeath to my son Nicholas Branch all the residue & remaining part of my land, Containing eight
 hundred Acres be the same more or less and also give & bequeath to my said son Nicholas Branch all the remaining part of my
 Negroes, that I have not already given away Viz^e. Phill, David, Chaney, old Hannah, old Peter and all the residue ~~and~~
 remaining part of my estate of every kind whatever, to him, his heirs & assigns forever. LASTLY, I do hereby make & Ordain
 my Werthy friend John Branch, Executors of my last Will & Testament, revoking & disannulling all other Wills heretofore by
 me made & ratifying this & ~~that~~ no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I, the said William
 Branch, have to this my last Will & Testament set my hand & seal the day & year first above Written.

Signed, Sealed, Published, & declared by the said William Branch,
 the Testator as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us,
 who were present at the time of Signing & Sealing thereof.

Wm.
 William Branch (Seal)

James Matthews ^{not} William Pullen ^{Senior}
 Halifax County ^{at} Court February ^{Seafiens} 1794, When this Will was exhibited in Open Court & duly
 proved by the Oaths of William Pullen & James Matthews, two of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto & On motion Ordered to
 be Recorded; Whereupon John Branch the Executor in the said Will named Came in & was duly Qualified thereto--

Witness

~~L. Long~~
 L Long, Clk

William Branch Senior
 Well
 Recorded by L. Long Clerk
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~~and Matthew Cary~~
 the above deleted

WILL: Halifax County, N. C.
William Branch, Sen.

In the name of God Amen: I, William Branch Sen. being sick but of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last will & testament--my will & desire is that all my just debts should be paid. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Branch the land and plantation I now live on with the orchard where my son William Branch lives place called the Landman (~~Landman~~) field. Also, two negroes Richard & Allen also a still & bed & furniture--
Item. I give and bequeath unto my son William Branch the land and plantation he now lives on Except the orchard called Landmans field not to Exceed one Hundred and twelve acres--
Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lucy Seurlock two negree girls by the name^{ca} of Brinee ~~XXX~~ Amy. My will & desire is that if my daughter Lucy dies without leaving an heir lawfully begotten that the two negroes Brinee & Amy descend to Salley B. Branch.
Item. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Sarah B. Branch one negree girl by the name of Gilley, one feather bed & furniture & chest. if my Daughter Sarah Dies without leaving an heir or heirs lawfully begotten my will is that the said Gilley descend to my son Samuel Branch.
Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Meritt five shillings--Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson John Boycean Branch one horse, one bed, and a good suit of clothes.
As for the rest of my Estate I leave to be sold and any debts to be paid out of the money and if any residue remains to be Equally divided between my four children Samuel, William, Lucy, & Sarah B. Branch.
And lastly, I nominate and appoint my worthy friends Edward Crowell, Joseph Pearce & Samuel Branch my Executors to this my last will & testament, revoking and disanulling all other wills or Bequests. Witness my hand and seal this twelfth day of April 1808.

Wm Branch (Seal)

Joshua Cole
Joseph J. Pearce

Halifax County Crt.

November Superior 1808 ~~then~~ this ~~will~~ was exhibited in Open Court and duly proved by the oath of Joshua Cole and Joseph Pearce ~~The~~ witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded whereupon Joseph Pearce & Samuel Branch, two of the Executors therein named came in and were duly qualified thereto.

Witness

L. Long CCT

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WILL: Halifax County, North Carolina--Vol. 3, p. 453
John Branch, Senior

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN--I, John Branch Senior of Halifax County and State of North Carolina, being of a Sound Mind & disposing memory, ^{knowing} but ~~having~~ ^{ordain} the mortality of my body and calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ~~dictate~~ ^{ordain} this my Will & Testament in manner and form following Viz:

1st I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Branch during her widowhood the land whereon I now live with all other of my land adjoining it, all my Household and Kitchen furniture except such as is hereafter disposed of, one hundred barrels of corn, all my stock of Hogs & Sheep, eight Cows & Calves, four horses, Viz: Taylor, Edwards, & two Sorrel mares, my riding Chair & harness, four stacks of fodder, also the following Negroes: ^{Edmond} Caleb, Jordan & his wife & children, Nancy & child, ^{to wit, London} Frank, Sally, Mary, Deanna, Sam, Jack, Willie & Lunsford.

2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter ^{Petty} Patience Branch the following ~~negrees~~ ^{negroes}; namely ~~George, Wilks, Dasey~~ ^{George, Wilks, Dasey} and her two children, Rhody, Alfred, Ben, ^{Ellick} Peggy, ^{Y. H.} Billy, Olive, little Luke, ^{two beds} & Gilly with their increase, their lands & furniture to her, her heirs & assigns forever.

3rd I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Branch my land & plantation known by the name of the Cellar containing six hundred acres more or less, ten thousand acres of land in the State of Tennessee on the Water of Duck River agreeable to deeds now in ^{possession} ~~possession~~, my two blacksmiths, Viz: Luke & ~~Matt~~ ^{set}, together with the ~~lot~~ ^{set} of blacksmith tools, and one negro boy, Moses, ^{one bed} ~~his~~ land & furniture, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

4th I give unto my grandson Henry Branch Whitaker that land I ^{purchased} ~~bought~~ of John ^{Etherage} ~~Phindie~~ which William ^{Fluellen} ~~Fluellen~~ now lives on in the State of Tennessee after the death of the said William & his wife, to him, his heirs & assigns forever.

5th I give unto my two sons James and John Branch five shillings ~~xxx~~ each to ^{them, their heirs, etc.} their in in in.

6th My will is that all the residue of my estate that is not already designated after ~~my~~ ^{paying} ~~my~~ ^{debts} be equally divided between my three youngest children ^{share} ~~have~~ & share alike ^{that is to say} viz: Eliza., Washington, & William Branch, also that part of my estate ^{left} ~~left~~ my wife after her death or marriage to ~~their~~ ^{share} them, their heirs & assigns forever. Be it understood that in case either of my three last mentioned children should die before they come of age or marry, my will is that the property left to them should ^{descend} ~~devolve~~ to the surviving two, and if either of my two first mentioned children should die before they come of age or marry, that the property left him or his ^{key} ~~descend~~ ^{descend} to the surviving one.

My will further is that my Executors hereinafter named ^{sell} ~~sell~~ ^{part} ~~part~~ of my ^{sufficiency} ~~perishable~~ ^{sufficiency} property left to my three youngest children ^{as they be necessary} ~~as they be necessary~~ to discharge my ~~estate~~ ^{debts}, and if there should not be a ~~sufficiency~~ ^{sufficiency} of such property to discharge the same that they sell as many of the negroes left to ~~buy~~ ^{My said three} the youngest children, to ~~wit~~ ^{wit} Eliza., Washington, & William as may be ~~necessary~~ ^{necessary} for the payment of said debts.

Lastly, I do hereby ^{nominate} ~~appoint~~ ^{constitute} ~~publish~~ & appoint my two sons, James & John Branch, my son-in-law, Ely Benton Whitaker, and my friend, Lunsford ^{long} ~~long~~ ^{whole} & ~~sole~~ ^{sole} Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and ~~dismissing~~ ^{disannulling} all former wills by me made, in witness whereof I have hereunto ~~set~~ ^{set} my hand & seal the 21st day of November 1805.

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged in presence of

Wm Lewis
his
Henry + Wall
mark

J. Branch (Seal)

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John Branch, Senior

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN: I, John Branch Senior of the County of Halifax ^{and} State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory in order to prevent any dispute that ^{might} my life arise after my death ^{do} to make ~~this~~ ^{and ordain} this to be my last Will & Testament, Viz:

First--it is my will and desire that all my just debts should be paid.

^{Item} I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Branch during her widowhood the lands whereon I now live together with all ^{other} of my lands & plantations thereunto adjoining it ^{as} also ^{all} my household and kitchen furniture except such as is hereinafter disposed of in this will ^{likewise}. One hundred barrels of Indian corn, all my stock of hogs & sheep, eight cows & calves, four horses, Viz Taylor, ^{Edmund} & two sorrel mares, my riding chair & ~~sharress~~, four stacks of fodder and also the following negroes; ^{to wit} Caleb, Jordon & his wife & children, Nancy & child, Frank, Sally, Mary, Dianna, Sam, Jack, Willy, & Lunsford.

^{Item} I give and bequeath to my daughter Patience Branch the following negroes; namely, George, Wilks, Dafney and her two children, Rhoda, Alfred, Ben, Peggy, Betty, Olive, Little Luke, ^{Ellis} and Gilley with their increase, & also ~~the~~ beds & furniture to her, her heirs, and assigns forever; and if my said daughter Patience should die under lawful age or before marriage, then ~~and~~ in that case it is my will and I do accordingly give and bequeath the negroes & other property bequeathed to the said Patience ^{unto} and my son Joseph Branch to him, his heirs & assigns forever.

^{Item} I give, devise, and bequeath to my son Joseph Branch my land & plantation known by the name of the Cellar containing six hundred acres more or less ^{near} Viz Enfield Old Court ^{View} as also ten thousand acres of land in the State of Tennessee on the waters of Duck River agreeably to the deeds now in possession, (5000 acres of which is patented in my own name; the other 5000 was patented in the name of my deceased brether William Branch whose name only was used by me by & with his consent. The existing laws at that day expressly prohibited my entering in my own name for a larger quantity than 5000 acres) as also I give and bequeath to my said son Joseph my two Blacksmiths, Luke & ~~Natt~~, together with all my blacksmith tools, likewise one negro boy, Moses, as also one bed & furniture to him, his heirs and assigns forever; and if my said son Joseph should die before he marries or attains lawful age then & in that case it is my will and I do accordingly give, devise & ~~assign~~ bequeath the lands, negroes & other property given to the said Joseph ^{unto} my daughter Patience to her, her heirs, & assigns forever.

^{Item} I give, devise, and bequeath unto my grand son Henry Branch Whitaker the land I purchased of John Ethridge which William Flouellion now lives on in the State of Tennessee after the death of the said William & his wife, to him, his heirs & assigns forever.

^{Item} I give unto my two sons James & John Branch five shillings each to ~~him~~ them and their heirs forever.

^{Item} I give, devise, and bequeath unto my three youngest children, Viz Elizabeth, Washington & William Branch, all the rest & residue of my estate be it of what^{so}ever nature or kind it may be so as to include all my lands on Roan Rake River and my land & plantation calld Joynews and likewise, all my negroes which are not before mentioned in this will. I likewise give, devise & bequeath to my said three youngest children last mentioned, after the death of their mother the whole of the estate real, personal, or perishable which is given or lent to my loving wife Elizabeth during her widowhood in the foregoing part of this my will, to them, their heirs, and assigns forever share and share alike ~~and~~ if it should so happen that one or ~~more~~ of my said three youngest children should die before they attain lawful age or marry, then and in that case my will and desire is and I do accordingly ~~devise~~ & ~~devise~~ that the land, negroes & other property left in this will to ~~them~~ descnd to the survivor or survivors of them, my aforesaid children to wit: Elizabeth, Washington, & William Branch.

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^{stem} Herein my will further is and I do so direct that my Executors hereinafter named sell such part of my perishable estate left to my three youngest children as they may think proper in order ~~to~~ discharge my debts and should this not be a fund sufficient for that purpose, they will then proceed to sell of the negroes given to my said three youngest children as many as will be sufficient to pay all my just debts.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my sons, James & John Branch, & my son-in-law, ^{Ele} Ely B. Whitaker, and my friend, Lunsford Long, Executors of this my last will ~~and~~ Testament. ~~x~~ In witness whereof I have hereunto ~~put~~ ^{set} my hand & seal this 13th day of January anno dom. 1806.

Signed, Sealed & delivered
in presence of

Eis
Henry ~~&~~ Wall ^{sub}
Marsh

J. Branch (Seal)

Halifax County ^{Court?} ~~the~~ May Superior 1806 these two papers purporting to be ~~and~~ ⁺ contain the last will and testament of John Branch Senior deceased, the one dated the 21st November 1805 the other dated the 13th January 1806 ~~were~~ was exhibited in Open Court for probate. The first was duly proved by the oath of William Lewis and Henry Wall. The other by the oath of Henry Wall subscribing ~~therefore~~ ~~think~~ and on motion ordered to be recorded, whereupon James Branch, one of the Executors herein named, came in and was duly qualified thereto.

the subscribing witnesses thereto

Witness: L. Long
L. Long, Clerk

*The Last Will + Testament of John Branch
Dated 13 Jan 1806
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In the Name of God Amen--I, John Branch Senior of Halifax County and State of North Carolina, being of a sound mind & disposing memory but knowing the mortality of my body and calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my Will & Testament in manner and form following, Viz:

1st. I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Branch during her widowhood the land whereon I now live with all other of my land adjoining it, all my household and kitchen furniture except such as is hereafter disposed of, one hundred barrels of corn, all my stock of hogs & sheep, eight cows & calves, four horses; Viz, Taylor, Edmund, & two Sorrel mares, my riding chair & harness, four stacks of fodder, also the following negroes: to wit, London & his wife & children, Nancy & child, Frank, Sally, Mary, Dianna, Sam, Jack, Willis, & Lunsford.

2nd. I give and bequeath to my daughter Patience Branch the following negroes: namely, George, Wilks, Dafney and her two children, Rhody, Alfred, Ben, Peggy, Betty, Olive, Little Luke, Ellick & his Gilly with their increase, two beds & furniture to her, her heirs & assigns forever.

3rd. I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Branch my land & plantation known by the name of the Cellar containing six hundred acres more or less, ten thousand acres of land in the State of Tennessee on the waters of Duck River agreeable to deeds now in possession, my two black smiths: Viz, Luke & Natt, together with the set of blacksmith tools, and one negro boy Moses, one bed & furniture, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

4th. I give unto my grandson, Henry Branch Whitaker, that land I purchased of John Ethridge which William Fleweller now lives on in the State of Tennessee after the death of the said William & his wife, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

5th. I give unto my two sons James and John Branch five shillings each, to them, their heirs, etc.

6th. My will is that all the residue of my estate that is not already designated after paying my debts be equally divided between my three youngest children share & share alike; that is to say, Eliza, Washington, & William Branch, also that part of my estate lent my wife after her death on marriage to them, their heirs & assigns forever. Be it understood that in case either of my three last mentioned children should die before they come of age or marry, my will is that the property left to them should descend to the surviving two--and if either of my two first mentioned children should die before they come of age or marry, that the property left him or her descend to the surviving one.

My will further is that my Executors hereinafter named sell such part of my perishable property left to my three youngest children as may be necessary to discharge my debts; and if there should not be a sufficiency of such property to discharge the same that they sell as many of the negroes left to my said three youngest children, to wit, Eliza, Washington, & William, as may be necessary for the payment of said debts.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute, & appoint my two sons, James & John Branch, my son-in-law, Ely Benton Whitaker, and my friend, Lunsford Long, whole & sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and disannuling all former wills by me made, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 21st day of November 1805.

Signed, Sealed & Acknowledged in
presence of

J. Branch (Seal)

W.^m Lewis

Henry ^{his} _{mark} Wall

In the Name of God, Amen I, John Branch Senior of the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory in order to prevent any dispute that might arise after my death do make and ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament, Vlz:

First—It is my will and desire that all my just debts should be paid.

Item—I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Branch during her widowhood the land whereon I now live together with all other of my lands & plantations thereunto adjoining it as also all my household and kitchen furniture except such as is hereinafter disposed of in this will, likewise one hundred barrels of Indian corn, all my stock of hogs & sheep, eight cows & calves, four horses, Vlz, Taylor, Edmund & two sorrel mares, my riding chair & harness, four stacks of fodder, and also the following negroes: to wit, Jordon & his wife & children, Nancy & child, Frank, Sally, Mary, Dianna, Sam, Jack, Willis, & Lunsford.

Item—I give and bequeath to my daughter Patience Branch the following negroes: namely, George, Wilks, Dafney and her two children, Rhody, Alfred, Ben, Peggy, Betty, Olive, Little Luke, Ellect, and Gilley with their increase, & also ~~the~~ beds & furniture to her, her heirs, and assigns forever; and if my said daughter Patience should die under lawful age or before marriage, then and in that case it is my will and I do accordingly give and bequeath the negroes & other property bequeathed to the said Patience unto my son Joseph Branch to him, his heirs & assigns forever.

Item—I give, devise, and bequeath to my son Joseph Branch my land & plantation known by the name of the Cellar containing six hundred acres more or less Vlz, Enfield Old Court View as also ten thousand acres of land in the State of Tennessee on the waters of Duck River agreeably to the deeds now in possession (5000 acres of which is patented in my own name; the other 5000 was patented in the name of my deceased brother William Branch whose name only was used by me by and with his consent. The existing laws at that day expressly prohibited my entering in my own name for a larger quantity than 5000 acres); as also I give and bequeath to my said son Joseph my two Black Smiths, Luke & Matt, together with all my blacksmith tools, likewise one negro boy, Moses, as also one bed & furniture to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item—I give, devise, and bequeath unto my grandson Henry Branch Whitaker the Land I purchased of John Ethridge which William Flaveller now lives on in the State of Tennessee after the death of the said William & his wife, to him, his heirs & assigns forever.

Item—I give unto my two sons James & John Branch five shillings each to them and their heirs forever.

Item—I give, devise, and bequeath unto my three youngest children, viz. Elizabeth, Washington, & William Branch all the rest & residue of my estate be it of whatsoever nature or kind it may be so as to include all my lands on Roan Oake River and my land & plantation called Joyneas and likewise all my negroes which are not before mentioned in this will. I likewise give, devise, & bequeath to my said three youngest children last mentioned after the death of their mother the whole of the estate real, personal, or perishable which is given or lent to my loving wife Elizabeth during her widowhood in the aforesaid part of this my will, to them, their heirs, and assigns forever share and share alike & if it should so happen that one or more of my said three youngest children should die before they attain lawful age or marry, then and in that case my will and desire is and I do accordingly direct & devise that the lands, negroes, & other property left in this will to them descend to the survivor or survivors of them, my aforesaid children: to wit, Elizabeth, Washington, & William Branch.

Item—My will further is and I do so direct that my Executors hereinafter named sell such part of my perishable estate left to my three youngest children as they may think proper in order to discharge my debts and should this not be a fund sufficient for that purpose, they will then proceed to sell of the negroes given to my said three youngest children as many as will be sufficient to pay all my just debts.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint my sons, James & John Branch, & my son-in-law, Ely B. Whitaker, and my friend, Lunsford Long, Executors of this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 13th day of January anno dom 1806.

Signed, Sealed, & Delivered

In presence of

Henry ^{his} _{mark} Wall

J. Branch (Seal)

Halifax County Ct.

May Superior 1806 these two paper writings purporting to be & contain the last will and testament of John Branch Senior deceased, the one dated the 21st of November 1805, the other dated the 13th of January 1806, were exhibited in Open Court for probate. The first was duly proved by the oath of William Lewis and Henry Wall, the other by the oath of Henry Wall, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and on motion ordered to be recorded; whereupon James Branch, one of the Executors herein named, came in and was duly qualified thereto.

Witness: L. Long, Clk.

In the Name of God, Amen: I, John Branch Senior of the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory in order to prevent any dispute that might arise after my death do make and ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament, Viz:

First--It is my will and desire that all my just debts should be paid.

Item---I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Branch during her widowhood the land whereon I now live together with all other of my lands & plantations thereunto adjoining it as also all my household and kitchen furniture except such as is hereinafter disposed of in this will, likewise one hundred barrels of Indian corn, all my stock of hogs & sheep, eight cows & calves, four horses, Viz. Taylor, Edmund & two sorrel mares, my riding chair & harness, four stacks of fodder, and also the following negroes: to wit, Jordon & his wife & children, Nancy & child, Frank, Sally, Mary, Dianna, Sam, Jack, Willis, & Lursford.

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Item---I give, devise, and bequeath to my son Joseph Branch my land & plantation known by the name of the Cellar containing six hundred acres more or less Viz. Enfield Old Court View as also ten thousand acres of land in the State of Tennessee on the waters of Duck River agreeably to the deeds now in possession (5000 acres of which is patented in my own name; the other 5000 was patented in the name of my deceased brother William Branch whose name only was used by me by and with his consent. The existing laws at that day expressly prohibited my entering in my own name for a larger quantity than 5000 acres); as also I give and bequeath to my said son Joseph my two Black Smiths, Luke & Natt, together with all my blacksmith tools, likewise one negro boy, Moses, as also one bed & furniture to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item---I give, devise, and bequeath unto my grandson Henry Branch Whitaker the Land I purchased of John Ethridge which William Flavellen now lives on in the State of Tennessee after the death of the said William & his wife, to him, his heirs & assigns forever.

Item---I give unto my two sons James & John Branch five shillings each to them and their heirs forever.

Item---I give, devise, and bequeath unto my three youngest children, Viz, Elizabeth, Washington, & William Branch all the rest & residue of my estate be it of whatsoever nature or kind it may be so as to include all my lands on Roan Oake River and my land & plantation called Joynous and likewise all my negroes which are not before mentioned in this will. I likewise give, devise, & bequeath to my said three youngest children last mentioned after the death of their mother the whole of the estate real, personal, or perishable which is given or lent to my loving wife Elizabeth during her widowhood in the foregoing part of this my will, to them, their heirs, and assigns forever share and share alike & if it should so happen that one or more of my said three youngest children should die before they attain lawful age or marry, then and in that case my will and desire is and I do accordingly direct & devise that the lands, negroes, & other property left in this will to them descend to the survivor or survivors of them, my aforesaid children: to wit, Elizabeth, Washington, & William Branch.

Item---My will further is and I do so direct that my Executors hereinafter named sell such part of my perishable estate left to my three youngest children as they may think proper in order to discharge my debts and should this not be a fund sufficient for that purpose, they will then proceed to sell of the negroes given to my said three youngest children as many as will be sufficient to pay all my just debts.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint my sons, James & John Branch, & my son-in-law, Ely B. Whitaker, and my friend, Lunsford Long, Executors of this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 13th day of January anno dom 1806.

Signed, Sealed, & Delivered
in presence of

Henry ^{his} Wall
mark

J. Branch (Seal)

Halifax County Ct.

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Witness: L. Long, Clk.

WILL: Halifax County, North Carolina--~~VXX~~
James Branch

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IN the Name of God Amen I James Branch of the County of Halifax & State of North Carolina being low in Health but of sound mind and disposing memory do make, ordain, and declare this to be my last will & testament in manner & form following--
In primis I request that my Body be buried by the side of my late wife Mowning.

Item I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Martha Branch all and every thing of what ever nature or kind soever which I may have got by her together with my Horse & Chair to her and her heirs forever, as also I lend her during her widowhood my Plantation in Franklin County which I purchased at Mathew's Sale--

Item I give unto my Brother John Branch my Horse Tarpin & my watch as a testimonial

Item I give unto my friend & relation James Wootten one yellow negro Boy by the name of Dick to him & his heirs forever

Item I give unto my friend & oversear Joseph Hawkins my one eyed grey mare to him and his heirs forever

Item All the rest of my Estate of whatever nature or kind soever whether real or personal or misct I give and bequeath to my Issue which my wife Martha Branch may be now pregnant with to he she or they or their heirs forever; but if the said Issue of my wife which she is now pregnant with should die before he she or they arrives at the age of Twenty-one years or marries, my will and desire is that all the estate whether real or personal or misct should descend to and be divided in the following manner--Vis.: The Land and Plantation whereon I now live I devise to my Brother John Branch to him his heirs & assigns forever; my Lands on Fishing Creek lying on both sides I give to my Brother Joseph Branch to him his heirs & assigns forever; all the residue of my property of whatever nature or kind given to the Infant or Infants which my wife is now pregnant with to be equally divided between my ~~brothers~~ ^{brothers} John Branch & Joseph Branch, my Sister Patience Branch & Henry, John Richard, & Martha Rebecca B Whitaker children of my dec^d Sister Patsey Whitaker & Eli B. Whitaker: I mean that the residue above named should be divided in four equal parts, the one part I give to my Brother John Branch, another to Joseph Branch, the third to Patience Branch, and the fourth to the above named children of my Sister Patsey Whitaker the above property to them and their heirs forever in case the Issue above named should not arrive to Lawful age or marry my Will and desire is that my negroes & Stock should be kept on my plantation under the care of my Executors with power to Employ oversears to Superintend the Same for the benefit of the child or children with which my wife is now pregnant--

Item It is my will and desire that my negroes should be taken care of particular old Will, Willie, Moses.

Lastly I constitute, nominate, and appoint my Brother John Branch Executor to this my last will and Testament & Guardian also to the child or children with which my wife is now pregnant with and in case of his death my Brother Joseph Branch
27th October 1807--

Ja Branch (Seal)

Signed Seal^d &
Executed in presence }
of
Eli Whitaker

Thomas Markes ~~is~~

Be it
~~It is~~ understood that this codicil is ~~as~~ in my former will only with these additions & alterations: that is to say, I give unto my wife Martha Branch a negro Matt Willie a son of negro man Harry also six cows & calves, six horses & riggs to her her heirs and assigns for ever. I likewise lend ~~to~~ my wife Martha Branch during her widowhood my land & plantation on Fishing Creek in Halifax County known by the name of the Dairy ^{Dairy?} tract containing four hundred & forty acres more or less. I further lend her in like manner ~~six hundred~~ my household & kitchen furniture . In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 31st ~~day~~ ^{day} of October 1807.

(Seal)

(over)

Signed, Sealed, & executed in presence
of

(Illegible on copy)

Eli B. Whitaker and

Halifax County Clk

November Superior 1807 there this will was exhibited in Open Court and duly proved by the Oath of Eli B. Whitaker & Thomas Marks, the subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon a writing purporting to be a codicil Codicil unsigned to the said will and as a part thereof was ~~executed~~ exhibited for probate in conformation and as a republication of the same whereupon ~~said~~ John Branch came in Open Court and being duly sworn to the court as having the Testimony and Circumstances attending the same do confirm and so deem to be that the aforegoing unsigned Codicil be considered as such and as a part of the will of the said James Branch deem so far as it goes. On motion ordered that the said will together with the said codicil be recorded whereupon John Branch the Executor therein named came in & was duly qualified thereto.

Witness

L. Long Clk.

~~John~~ Branch
Jesse

In the name of God Amen. I ^{Jesse}~~John~~ Branch of the County of Halifax & State of North Carolina, being Sick; but of Sound mind & disposing memory; do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form as follows: to wit)

- < First--It is my Will & desire that all my just debts be first paid,
 - < Secondly--I lend unto my Wife Elizabeth Branch, during her natural life ~~or~~ widowhood, the land & plantation whereon I now reside; but, at the death or marriage of my said wife, then, and in either case, it is my Will & desire that the said land & premises, shall be sold, on a credit-of-twelve months, & the proceeds from such sale be equally divided among all my children, Share & share alike, to them & their heirs forever.
 - < Thirdly--I also lend unto my said wife Elizabeth all my household & kitchen furniture (together with my Stock of all kinds or nature whatsoever (except that which I may hereafter dispose of, or such as may be necessary to pay my just debts) also my crop LD -- But in case my said wife Elizabeth should marry, (or at her death,) then, & in either case, it is my will & desire that all the above mentioned property leaned to her as aforesaid, shall be sold by my Executors hereinafter named, on a credit-of-six months & the money arriving from the sale thereof to be equally divided among all my children, share, & share alike. to them & their Heirs forever--
 - < Fourthly--I give to my two sons Patrick & Willis Branch one feather bed & furniture, (being the bed known as ~~XXXXX~~ formerly belonging to their mother) to them & their heirs forever.
 - < Fifthly--I give to my two daughters, Mary & Martha Ann Branch at the death or marriage of my said wife Elizabeth, one bed & furniture each, to them & their heirs forever--
- Lastly--I do hereby nominate & appoint my friend ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{Alex B. Pierce} my whole & sole Executor to this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking & ~~disannulling~~ all other wills or wills by me made.

disannulling

In Testimony whereof I have

hereunto Set my name and affixed my Seal this 22nd day of June 1842 (two)

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged
In presence of--
Alexander B. Pierce
George C. Pierce

his
Jesse  Branch (Seal)
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A. B. Pierce qualified Halifax Nev. Court 1842
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jesse Branch being exhibited in open court and offered for probate and the execution thereof being proven by the oath of Alexander ~~EW~~ Pierce one of the subscribing Witnesses to the same. The court doth declare the said will to be duly proven both as a will of realty & personally and it is ordered to be Recorded

Alex B. Pierce qualified as Ext.

Witness
Ja Simmens Clk.

Jesse Branch

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SCHEDULE OF RATES ANNOUNCED BY MHA

Charges Will Average \$14.46 Excluding Utility Costs

LEDBETTER IS MANAGER

Former Management Aide At Lauderdale To Be Executive - Samuel E. Null Maintenance Superintendent

Lamar Terrace will have lower rents than were paid in the dilapidated shums which the modern Better Housing project is replacing, Memphis Housing Authority officials revealed yesterday. They stressed that white people who formerly lived in the area will have preference when tenants are selected.

At the same time it was announced that Orelis L. Ledbetter, management aide at Lauderdale Courts for the past two years, will be housing manager at Lamar Terrace, and Samuel E. Null of Lauderdale's maintenance department will be superintendent of maintenance.

Average To Be \$14.46. Shelter rent schedules for the Lamar area will range from \$13.55 for the three-room apartments to \$15.35 for the two and one-half room units, or an average of \$14.46 for the 175 apartments in the project.

MHA officials said that a house-to-house survey made before demolition started on the old buildings in the section showed that the average rent for three-room houses was \$14.50 a month, or \$1.15 more than will be charged for three-room apartments under the new schedule.

The shelter rent does not include utilities. It is estimated that under the utility rates to be effective in Lamar Terrace the average utility cost will be about \$2.90 per month for each complete apartment. Former rent payments did not include utilities, either, as in all instances tenants pay individual bills for heat, light and water, MHA officials pointed out.

MHA records show that rent for a three-room apartment in Lauderdale Courts, whose construction cost per unit was greater than Lamar's, is about \$18.10, exclusive of utility costs.

Despite the fact that construction has been delayed by extreme cold weather, contractors in charge of the Lamar work estimate that a section of 105 apartments in one block will be completed and ready for occupancy about April 1.

Both Well Qualified

Mr. Ledbetter and Mr. Null during their two years with the Memphis Housing Authority have shown that they are well qualified for the positions to which they are being appointed, Edward F. Barry, MHA chairman, commented.

Mr. Ledbetter has had wide experience in Lauderdale's rental department, tenant relations, social, educational and recreational activities, and has been consultant for the same type of work for Dixie Homes. He is married, lives at 245 11th, and has been in Memphis 28 years. For eight years he was connected with the credit and collection department of the old Memphis Power & Light Co.

Mr. Null has broad training as a maintenance man, having been with the Chickasaw Wood Products Co. for 10 years before joining the staff of MHA. Active in civic work, he is chairman of the Northern Division Council of Civic Clubs Safety Committee, vice president of the Northeast Memphis Civic Club, and secretary of the Central Committee of the Council of Civic Clubs Safety Committee. He is married and lives at 1623 Brecklove.

Sam Null Is Nominated Man of Week

Director in Memphis Housing Authority; Active Civic Worker

Sam Null, Whitehaven's Man of the Week, is a busy fellow.

Mr. Null is director of Planning and Construction for the Memphis Housing Authority, and is in charge of all urban renewal areas and the planning and construction of public housing projects.

In Whitehaven, he is a member of the Kiwanis Club and has been on the Board of Directors of the YMCA since it was organized. Mr. Null is on the Official Board of the Whitehaven Methodist Church where he and his wife teach in the Sunday School. He is on the Board of Directors of the...



SAM NULL

Country Club, and worked with the Boy Scouts for about 15 years. Ill health and a busy schedule forced him to give up this activity last year, however.

Mr. Null is a past president of the Technical Division of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, a member of the Memphis Engineers Club, and is working toward the establishment of a Memphis chapter of the American Society of Military engineers.

Our Man of the Week was in the furniture business before his present job, and still enjoys making inland wood projects. He (Continued on next page)

Man of Week

(Continued from page 1) is also an avid water sports fan, and likes to spend weekends with his wife and son at Pickwick, Arkabutla, or Enid. The family likes to travel, too; last October they made a 6,000-mile tour of the West in connection with a convention which Mr. Null attended in San Francisco.

The Nulls moved from Staunton, Va., to Memphis in 1925 and then to Whitehaven in 1956. Mr. Null said, "My only regret is that I didn't move to Whitehaven ten or fifteen years ago."

KIWANIANS PRESENT CHECK TO "Y" - Ed Martin, on the left, president of the Whitehaven Kiwanis Club, is seen presenting a check for \$500 to Joe Helms for the Whitehaven "Y". Sam Null, standing in the center, is seen holding a Whitehaven Guest Sticker. This donation was made possible through the sale of these stickers in Whitehaven. When you purchase your sticker locally half of the money remains in Whitehaven for worthwhile projects.

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MHA DIRECTOR NAMED

Sam Null Secretary Of Housing Group's Section

Sam Null, assistant director for planning and construction at the Memphis Housing Authority, has been elected secretary of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials' technical and maintenance section.

He was elected during the annual business meeting of the section held in connection with the 22nd annual conference of the association this week in Cleveland, Ohio.

The technical and maintenance section is a professional organization of engineers and architects within the association. Mr. Null has been with the MHA for

17 years as maintenance superintendent, housing manager and technical director.



Mr. Null