

In the name of God Amen the 30th Day of March in the year of our Lord Good 1688 I Edward Brantley Senior of the upper parrish of the Isle of Wight county being of sound and perfect memory praise be to God for the same and knowing the uncertainty of this life on Earth and being desirious to see thing in order do make this my last Will and Testament in maner and form following... that is to say first and principally I commend my soul to almighty God, my creator assuredly believing that I shall own full pardon & free remission of all my sins and be saved by the precious death and merritt of my blessed Savior and Redeamor Jesus Christ and my body to the earth and Christian maner, as to be Executrix here after named shall be thought meek and convenient and as touching such Worldly estate as the Lord in mercy hath lent make my Will and meaning is that the same shall be employed and bestowed, as here after by this my Will is expressed in... first to revoke, denounce, frustrate and make void all Wills by me formerly made and seal... and appoint this my Last will and testament

I doth give devise and bequeath unto my son Edward and his son James one hundred sixty and five acres of land where the said Edward now liveth... to him and the heirs of the same bodies lawfully begotten that is to say the whole one hundred and sixty five acres of land unto my son **Edward** until his son **James** doth attain the age of one and twenty years and then it is my will that the said James Brantley shall have one hundred acres of that land to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten: but if it shall happen that he shall dye without heir or heirs then it is my will that the next surviving child of my son Edward shall have it Forever.

I doth give devise and bequeath unto my son **Phillip** two hundred acres of land to be both enjoyed by him until his son **Edward** shall attain unto the age of one and twenty years: one hundred acres I do give unto my son Phillip and his heirs forever the other hundred acres I do give unto the said Edward Brantley and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten: but if it shall so happen that he shall dye without heir or heirs then is my will that the next surviving child of my son Phillip shall have the dame forever.

I do give and bequeath unto my son **John** Brantly and his son **John** two hundred acres of land... the said two hundred acres to be enjoyed by the said John Brantly until his son John Brantly doth attain unto the age of one and twenty years and then it is my Will that his said son John Brantly shall have one of the hundred acres of land to be and remain to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever: but if it shall so happen that the said John Brantly doth leave no increase behind him then it is my will that the next surviving child of my son Johns shall enjoy the same forever the other hundred acres of land I do give unto my said son John and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten

I do give devise and bequeath unto my daughter **Mary** Brantly one hundred acres of land beginning at the corner tree at the Akin Swampe running southwest to the branch below Phillip Brantly's dwelling house and then north along a place called the medow to be an emanation to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten

I do give and bequeath unto my said daughter a feather bed as it stands curtains, valence, ruggs, blankets, pillows, pillow boulster and sheets.

I do give and bequeath unto John the son of my son John one feather bed with all apparatuses... and one black mare, two pewter dishes, two pewter plates and two porringers I do give and bequeath unto Edward Brantley the son of my son Phillip one bay mare with kin moriake only it is my will and I do give the first mare foul that that mare shall bring unto James Brantly the son of Edward Brantley I do give and bequeath a yoke of steers unto my three sons to be used jointly amongst them during the time the said heirs shall live and equally to be shared when they shall be killed.

I give unto my three sons: Edward, Phillip and John my Indian slave Peter to serve them two years a piece successively one after the other and the six years is expired I do give the said Indian slave Peter unto my daughter Mary during her natural life and after her deceased to her children is she shall leave any behind but is she dye without increase then to return to my sons or their children to be equally devided amongst them: I do give unto my sons eldest sons: a two year ould heifer a piece. I do give and bequeath the remainder of my personall estate after my debts and funeral expenses payd unto my daughter Mary Brantly whom I do make the sole executrix of this my last will and testament in witness where of I do here unto put my hand and seal.

Signed Sealed published and declared to be the

Edward Brantley

Last Will and Testament of Edward Brantly

In the sight and presence of

John Whitstone

Ann A. White

Will Evans

Proved in open court for the Isle of Wight County

January 9, 1688 by the oath of John Whitstone

Ann White & William Evans

to be the will of Edward Brantly

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