

For it is my mind that I do not know of the country of
Madagascar and I do not know of the name of the island
despising misery and knowing the uncertainty of this life
believe in all men must die and being desirous of to dispose
off all such worldly estate as I have had and do hereby make my last will and
testament in manner following: I do hereby first of all bequeath to my wife
Susan my wife Lucy Brown the farm whereon I now live including
all the land I have enjoying together with the farming slaves, to wit, Juba, Isaac, Beck
Sarah, the children and Harri all my furniture, jewelry, utensils and furniture
of every description for and during the term of her natural life for her accommodation, comfort
and support except so much as may hereafter otherwise be disposed of. 2nd I do hereby bequeath
the advancement and gift heretofore made to my daughter Polly late Polly Green of a negro
girl named Harrieth and also all things of property I have advanced it being good
the first share of my estate. 3rd I do hereby bequeath the advancement and gift heretofore made
to my daughter Ephie (Penny) of a negro girl named Permelia. 4th I do hereby bequeath
to my son South Brown a negro woman named Flora and her three children
and their increase. I do hereby bequeath to my daughter
Palma (Willow) during her natural life and then to the use and
benefit of her children & children. But if it should so happen that she should
have no child or children living at the time of her death, then my will and desire that
then in that event the said slaves above mentioned and their increase shall be
equally divided amongst my remaining daughters or their heirs. 5th I do hereby
bequeath to my son Harrison Brown a negro girl named Martha the increase and interest of the
advance use benefit and emolument of my daughter Lenna (Henry) during her natural life, the same
and benefit of her children equally. 6th I do hereby bequeath the advancement, gift heretofore made
to my daughter Polly (P. Thorn) of a negro girl named Hephia and one hundred dollars
in money making her equal in value to the other. I give my other daughter, in the above
and bequeath to my daughter & her heirs a negro girl named Antoinette and
her future increase also one feather bed and furniture to be furnished out of the household
estate I loved my wife Lucy (her) and her heirs forever. 8th I do hereby bequeath the gift and
advancement heretofore made to my son Harrison of a negro boy named Nelson
and I also give and bequeath to him eight hundred dollars to be hereafter provided
for out of my lands in the manner hereafter prescribed. 9th I do hereby give and bequeath
to my son South Brown a negro boy named Eliza. Also one feather bed and furniture to be
furnished out of the personal estate I owned my wife. 10th I give and
bequeath to my son Rubin M. a negro boy named Pendleton. Also one feather
bed and furniture to be furnished out of the personal estate I owned my wife.
11th I give and bequeath to my son South & Rubin M. Brown my farm and tract
I own in both all my adjoining lands to be equally divided between them according
to quantity and quality to them and their heirs forever subject however to the
incumbrance of my wife Susan's life estate in the land during her natural life
and also that they pay to my son Harrison eight hundred dollars and do hereby
incumbrance with following conditions: To wit, four hundred dollars to be paid
one year after they come into the full possession and four hundred dollars
in two years from the date they first come into it. 12th My will and desire that
if any of the above named persons should die before me and that I should be

personal property I should be. I do hereby bequeath to my daughter
and the increase of the same. And I do hereby bequeath to my daughter
of the proceeds remaining from the sale of her estate being equally divided amongst my
daughters. To wit, Polly, Susan, Lenna, Ruby, M. Phyllis and her heirs
my son South & her heirs forever provided with the same but not to be
benefit and emolument of my daughter Palma (Willow) during her natural life and then
to her children or children. But if it should so happen that she should have no child or
children living at the time of her decease or my will and desire that then in that event
that my son South & her heirs should be in case equally amongst my daughter
Polly Green, Lenna, Ruby and Anna Marshall or their heirs in case they are
not all living at the time, and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my
Harrison and both Executors to this my last will and testament, my executors
or former wife, and lastly my executor to be hereafter made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this 31st day of July 1810.
Signed Sealed published & declared as the last will
and testament of the above named South Brown in presence of
Henry W. Freed, William C. Milam
I South Brown of the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky do hereby make &
publish this Codicil to be read to my last will and testament in manner following: I have
in my last will I gave and bequeathed to my son Rubin M. Brown a negro boy named Isaac
and I do hereby make the said Isaac to be come here. It is now my will and
desire that he have liberty in law thereof. And I now give and bequeath to him my
negro boy Henry in law thereof and his heirs forever and I now to my wife Susan
Brown my negro boy Pendleton in lieu of Henry which I should enter in some manner and
subject to the same contingencies and distribution as the other slaves I owned her and lastly
it is my will & desire that the present Codicil be annexed to and made a part of my last
will and testament aforesaid. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
this 31st day of May 1812.
Signed Sealed published & declared as the last will & testament of the
last named testament of the above named South Brown in presence of
John M. Stille F. L. Allen
Franklin County, Arch. June Term 1812.
I Writing purporting to be the last will & testament and the Codicil of the
of South Brown do hereby produce in Court. And the said will and testament and
Henry M. Freed. And he the said Freed further proves that William C. Milam, the
Subscribing witness that he signs his name as witness to the Codicil of the last named
And the said Codicil was proved by the oath of John M. Stille & F. L. Allen the
Witnesses to the said will & testament as aforesaid to be in accordance with
accordance with
Attest
I Thomas Foster of Franklin County and State of Kentucky do hereby make &
publish this Codicil to be read to my last will and testament. I bequeath to my wife Susan
and personal property and during the term of her natural life. I do hereby
I give and bequeath to my son South & Rubin M. Brown my farm and tract