

James Brown a man of color of Franklin County do hereby make this my last will and testament in manner here following that my (Catherine) and one child and one bed began to Mary Brown aged of color bond woman. I give to Rachel Brown one Roman one table and one bed the same Mary to have choice of the table, and I give and bequeath to all my little farm of one and a half acres to James Brown on condition that he the said James Brown to be my man of color and to be with me in my family and to be the care of my self and wife, and to be the choice of the color mentioned Mary and Rachel Brown and for me to live with him until said farm. I bequeath to him, or his wife, or my choice to have him voluntarily if they shall believe it to be their interest to do so, and finally I do hereby constitute and appoint my neighbor Benjamin the negro executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other former wills or testaments by me here before made, and as there is but little property as to what has been divided among the several negroes named in this my will, I desire that my executor shall not be required to give in Security. In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of July 1842

Attest: Wm. C. Taylor
John C. Foster

James Brown (See more)

Franklin County Court Sept 10th Term 1843

Whereby further by the last will & testament of James Brown the said will & testament was produced & read and was sworn to by Wm. C. Taylor a solemnly sworn Juror, and the said Wm. C. Taylor swore that John C. Foster the other subscriber signing said will his name under hand, the executor of the said will and that the said will be received which is done accordingly

J. C. Kennedy J.C.

On the same day, 1843, I the said Court of the County of Franklin and said State of Kentucky, being under my seal and hand and seal of my office, do hereby certify and return to my husband's testament, in my words, form and style as follows:

- Item 1st This is my will and I give and bequeath to my first wife to have
- Item 2nd It is my will and desire that my executor herein after named pay to William Church the husband of Catherine Church the land of the said Mary as his full share among estate
- Item 3rd It is my will and desire that the said Mary bequeath unto Rice 10th of color one third of all the property now by me conveyed or consisting of land or negroes or any other whatsoever to him and his heirs forever
- Item 4th It is my will and desire and I do hereby bequeath unto my brother John C. Brown one third of all my estate of every description whatsoever to him and his heirs forever
- Item 5th It is my will and desire and I do hereby bequeath unto my nephew John Church one tenth of all my estate to him his heirs forever
- Item 6th It is my will and desire that the remaining tenth part be equally divided amongst the said William Church, John C. Brown and John Church to have their heirs forever

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Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Frances M. Brown the sum of one hundred dollars in cash and to be paid to her in full at the time of my death and to bequeath to her in full at the time of my death

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