

RECORD OF WILLS.

X April 29 1839

In the Name of God "Amen"

I John B. Brown of the County of Gladwin and State of North Carolina, being in good health and sound and disposing mind do make this my last Will and Testament as follows

I desire to leave this testimony to my Children that I die in firm belief that God for Christ's sake has pardoned my sins, that none of my works or merits moved in title me to Heaven.

I desire that they may meet me until they may meet me until they have the same witness and strive to meet me in Heaven.

I desire that all my just debts be paid.

I desire that the Education of all my six unmarried Children be completed out of the profits of my Estate without any charge to either of them.

I give to my dear and affectionate Wife Rebecca Brown during her natural life or widowhood all my property, both Real and Personal of which I may die possessed.

After the death of my Wife I desire that the whole of my Estate Real and Personal be equally divided between my Eight Children, viz: Eliza Lloyd, Lucy B. Brown, John B. Brown, Edward C. Brown, Thomas C. Brown, Hannah M. Brown, William B. Brown, and Rebecca Brown.

The great object of my Will is to provide Comfortably for my Wife during her natural life and to hand down my Estate to my Children free and clear of any encumbrance.

I appoint my Wife Rebecca Brown Sole Executrix to this my last Will and Testament with an earnest request that she may qualify and take the management of my Affairs on herself.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the twelfth day of February - 1839

John B. Brown.

and declared as his last Will and

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"Codicil"

I John B. Brown being in sound mind and after mature deliberation wish to make some alterations and additions in and to my last Will and Testament do amend the foregoing Codicil. viz:

All that portion or part of my property, which was left to my daughter Lucy B. Brown, after the death of her Mother to be left in trust to her Brother John B. Brown for her and her heirs.

I should my Wife Rebecca Brown be willing and not wishing, after death to have the property divided share and share alike, I give to her some her share of Negroes for herself and at her disposal, both to sell or to give away the following Negroes, Sue and her Children, Alenza Cato and Delia.

Signed by my hand and seal in presence of

John B. Brown ⁱⁿ
March 30th 1839.

February Term 1840

This Will was proved by the oath of Edward J. Bernard, Thomas C. Miller, and A. H. Robinson, and ordered to be recorded and also Rebecca Brown, was qualified as Executrix to said Will.

A. H. Robinson
Clerk