

with her two sons Sam and Pitt John, and another son of Rachel's named John and another son of Rachel's named Josh. the whole of the aforesaid Negroes to give with the whole of this fortune inasmuch as she Sam more or less to her my loving wife Lucy Brown to her and her heirs for ever. And I do hereby further give and bequeath unto my loving wife Lucy Brown the whole of every part of my stock of horses, hogs, sheep, and the remaining part of all my stock of cattle that has not been by this will given in Legacy to any other person, and also the whole of my household furniture in every description whatever, also the whole and every part and parcel of my plantation utensils and farming utensils and every thing of the kind thereunto belonging, together with all my ready money, bonds, notes, bills, accounts, and whatever else of any description unto me belongs, in any wise whether it be real or personal estate, unto her my loving wife Lucy Brown to her and to her heirs and assigns forever.

It is my

will and desire and I do further give unto John Russ an aged negro girl named Peggy the daughter of Cabbag in addition to the Legacy already left him in this will to him the said and to the aforesaid John Russ to him and to his heirs and assigns forever.

It is my

will and desire as follows, that is to say, I hereby give and bequeath unto my loving wife Lucy Brown one Mulatto boy named Jim for and during her life and it is my desire that after the decease of my loving wife the aforesaid Jim shall be liberated and set free in like manner that other people of Color is emancipated for meritorious services done by an act of the General assembly of No. Va. which now empowers the Court Clerk or to do, that is to say, I do hereby appoint constitute and ordain my dear and loving wife Lucy Brown my friend James Marshall and John Beattie Esq.

to be my true and lawful Executor and Executrix to this my last Will and Testament and no other revoking and disavowing all other Wills by me made alanning ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 28th day of October in the year of Our Lord Jesus Domini 1817.

Signed, sealed and published by the Testator in the presence of us.

David Lloyd }
David Gillespie } John Brown Seal
J. Lewis. }

✓ State of North Carolina }
Bladen County }

In the name of God "Amen"

I Thomas Brown of the State and County aforesaid being in good health and in sound and disposing mind and memory do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

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I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucy Brown the plantation called Ashurst including the lands on both sides of the Court Street branch of the Cape Fear River with all buildings and improvements thereon during her natural life. I give and devise also to my said wife the plantation on the Sound called Sedgewick during her natural life. I also give and devise to my said wife a negro named Amy a negro named Clarissa a boy named Murray and one fifth part of all the rest and residue of my Negroes not hereafter disposed of with all their issue and all my household furniture

of every description whatever, and eighteen shares of stock in the Bank of Cape Fear, and one fifth part of all my stock of Cattle Horses Hogs sheep to her Her Executors Administrators and assigns forever.

2^d I give devise and bequeath to William Hatts Jones, John R. London, and John D. Doomed, the following Property to wit. The old Saw Mill Tract of land containing one hundred and fifty acres purchased of Thomas and Benjamin Beuton the tract of land known by the name of Donahoe Bluff with the exception of a part hereafter devised to my son Thomas Brown, three acres of land at the mouth of Donahoe Creek, a tract of land containing one hundred and fifty acres on the North East side of the River joining the upper side of the Ashwood tract, also a tract of land containing one hundred and forty acres purchased of Jonathan Smith when the Oliphant lived, also one hundred and fifty acres back of the land purchased of Jonathan Smith, and joining Parkers land, also one hundred and fifty acres of land in Carrs Creek purchased of Herbert Taylors known by name of Richard Brown land, also three hundred acres of land in Carrs Creek purchased of Benjamin and Thomas Beuton as will appear by reference to the deed bearing date the 15th of January 1784 also two hundred acres of land purchased of Matthew Kitchen joining land the property of Jonathan Russ. also one hundred and fifty acres of land joining land the property of Shade Dancib, as will appear by a patent dated the 5th day of December 1800 also one hundred and fifty acres of land on Matthews Branch, and running up Carrs Creek to the Beuton dam, also one lot of ground in the Town of Wilmington on Market Street devised by Mrs Euphemia Davis to me and my sister Mrs Margaret White Brown, also a lot of

ground in said town in said town on Market Street adjoining the lands aforesaid and purchased of Benjamin of John Burgener deceased also that part of a lot of ground in the town of Wilmington which I purchased of the heirs of John Burgener deceased being at the corner of Market and ground street and running along Market street to a point three feet westwardly of the line now occupied by one Dempsey thence Southward at right angles with said Market street fifty feet thence westward by a line parallel with Market street to second street thence Northwardly along second street fifty feet to the beginning.

Also after the death of my said wife Lucy Brown that part of a tract of land lying and being in the County of Brunswick beginning on the Creek at the yard falling below the River at the mouth of Swale Creek, running with the falling and a row of Lombard Poplar Trees up to the Old road the edge of a Clay Road, thence a direct line with the lower side of the same fence, and a row of Lombard Poplar Trees to the back line of the aforesaid tract thence along thence along the back line of said tract so far that a straight line drawn from the said back line of said tract to the mouth of Carrs branch in the Creek may include thirty acres thence along the Creek to the first Station and also one female slave named Betty with all her increase and issue to them the said William Hatts Jones, John R. London and John D. Doomed, and their and each of their heirs Executors and administrators upon this Special Trust and Confidence that they the Survivors or Survivors and the Executors or administrators of the Survivors will keep all the aforesaid in trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of my daughter Mary Miller Wife of Alexander M. Miller for and during her natural life, and then for the use and benefit of her children such as may be living at the time of her death to them their heirs and assigns forever.

I also give to my daughter Mary Miller one fourth of all my land in the State of Tennessee and one fourth of all my lots in the Town of Fayetteville.

the one on which I built a house and one share in the navigation to him and her heirs and assigns forever, free of any trust or restraint.

I also

- 3 I give devise and bequeath to my son Thomas Brown the following to wit, after the death of my wife Lucy Brown one piece or parcel of land lying in Bladen County of Maryland, on both sides of the West branch of Cape Fear River known by the name of Ashwood and containing by estimate timber, hundred and eighty acres, also all that piece or parcel of land, or Carvers Creek which I purchased at a Sheriff's Sale as one more fully appear by reference to a deed from Daniel S. White high Sheriff of Bladen County to me bearing date 1st day of April 1809 which land was sold as the property of John Nutbrook and was formerly owned by Francis M. Starnes, also two tracts of land lying on the South Side of Carvers Creek, which I purchased from Jos. Burke, and joining the tract of lands now the property of my son John B. Brown, devised to him by his uncle John Brown, also a tract of land supposed forty three acres joining the lower side of the Ashwood tract and beginning on Ashe's back line also that piece or parcel of land lying between the lower line of the Ashwood tract and the lower side of Jacobs branch so as to include Jacobs Branch and running up said branch so as to include the lower fork of said branch to Ashe's back line supposed to contain twenty acres also that piece or parcel of land, supposed to contain five hundred and thirty four acres, lying on the back of the Ashwood tract, and beginning at the corner of my place near Messicks house, as more fully appear by reference to the grant bearing date the 20th day of December 1791 and also that piece or parcel of land lying the upper part I purchased of Mrs. Winstons and joining a tract of land the property of Mrs. Brown, beginning at a Black Walnut tree, a Corn tree in the River, thence running down the River two hundred yards thence from

River in a parallel line with the dividing line between the aforesaid two tracts to the South Side of Drunken Run Swamp thence up the said Swamp to the said dividing line near Mrs. Browns house thence along the said dividing line to the beginning also one fourth part of all the lands to which I am entitled in the state of Tennessee or any other part of the Western Country supposed to be five thousand five hundred acres, also one fourth of all my lot except that lot in the town of Haywood on which I have had a house erected also those lots of ground with the buildings thereon in the town of Wilmington which in the division of the property of the late John Bradley among his devisees was allotted to my wife Lucy Brown, except a fire proof Warehouse in the Small Alley, and between Richard Bradley and Wright, also after the death of my said wife Lucy Brown, forty acres of land on Lees Creek, on the South, beginning on Lees Creek, on the upper side of White acres of the same tract remaining devised to my son John, and running for the complement to the back of the said tract to him the said Thomas Brown, his heirs and assigns forever.

Also I give and devise and bequeath to my said son Thomas Brown one fifth part of all my negro slaves not hereinbefore specifically bequeathed with their increase and issue also one fifth part of all my stock of cattle horses hogs and sheep also one fourth part of all my plantation utensils and instruments of husbandry to him and his Executors administrators and assigns forever.

I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Mary Miss one fifth part of all my negro slaves, not hereinbefore specifically bequeathed with their increase and issue also one fifth part of all my stock of horses hogs sheep and cattle, and also one fourth part of all my plantation utensils and implements of husbandry to her her Executors administrators

and assigns forever.

4th I give devise and bequeath to my son John B. Brown the following property to wit: all that piece or parcel of land, situated in the County of Bladen on both sides of the short West branch of Cape Fear River supposed to contain twelve hundred and eighty acres. Known by the name of Oakland which I purchased from Colonel Coker as will more fully appear by reference to the deed bearing date the 2^d day of March 1813 with the exception of a small part supposed to contain twenty acres hereinbefore devised to my son Thomas Brown also that piece or parcel of land lying in the County of Bladen on the North East Side of the short West branch of the Cape Fear River containing by estimation two hundred and twenty five acres being a tract of land which I purchased at execution sale and which was conveyed to me by Joshua Morse, High Sheriff of Bladen County, as will appear by reference to the deed bearing date the first of January 1800 and which was granted to Jacob Rhodes also that piece of land known by the name of Mauldby's land, lying on both sides of Horse Creek, and joining the lands of Fortess Mack being a tract of land, which I purchased at a sale made under Execution as will appear from a deed from William McRee Sheriff of Bladen County to me bearing date the 6th day of May 1783, also all that piece or parcel of land known by the name of Mrs Durnys land, lying on both sides of Carvers Creek also all that piece of land lying on both sides of Carvers Creek supposed to contain two hundred and two acres purchased of Hugh Shaw, as will appear by deed bearing date the 30th day of January 1787. All the land which I purchased of Mathew Kitchen which is not hereinbefore devised to the use of my daughter Mary Miller, also after the death of my wife Lucy Brown that part of a tract of land lying in the County of

New Hanover, on the sound which I purchased from H. Young, beginning on Lees Creek at the mouth of Charms branch, and running with the upper line of a piece of land hereinbefore devised to Mary Miller, to the back line of the piece which I purchased from H. Young, then along said back line to a point so that a line drawn parallel with the upper line with Mary Millers tract from said point to Lees Creek may include twenty acres then down Lees Creek to the beginning and also that part of a lot of ground lying in the town of Wilmington which I purchased from the Estate of John Burgin deceased, beginning on Grand Street, 50 ft from Market Street, then running along 2^d Street to the lot owned by John Hall then Eastwardly 35 feet, along said Staces line then Northwardly in a line parallel with 2^d Street 49 feet then Westwardly in a line parallel with Market Street 35 feet to 2^d Street, to have the said John Brown his heirs and assigns forever.

Also I give devise and bequeath to my said son John B. Brown, one fifth part of all my negro slaves not hereinbefore specifically bequeathed, with their women and issue also one fifth part of all my stock of Cattle Horses Hogs and sheep also one fourth part of all my plantation utensils and implements of husbandry, to him his Executors Administrators and assigns forever.

5th I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Ann, Omer the following property to wit: All that piece or parcel of land in the County of Bladen on the South Side of the short West branch of the Cape Fear River, known by the name of William Plantation containing by estimation four hundred and twenty acres between the plantations of David Lloyd, and Robert Durny conveyed to me by Ralph Miers, as will appear by deed bearing date the 6th of May 1796. Also all that piece or parcel of land lying on the South Side of the short West branch of the Cape Fear River known by the name

Walkers Bluff, containing about four hundred acres.

Also that piece or parcel of land containing one hundred acres, situated on the White Marsh including the mouth of Punchon Swamp, which was devised to me by my father.

Also all that piece or parcel of land situated on the White Marsh containing three hundred acres, which I purchased from Wm. Cliphart as this appears by deed bearing date the 30th of October 1787. Also all that piece or parcel or a lot of ground in the town of Wilmington on the South side of Market Street which was conveyed to me by the Executors of John Darrough, deceased by deed bearing date the 15th day of March 1802, which I have not heretofore specifically devised to my son John Brown, and to the use of my daughter Mary Miller, also a line piece of Marsh house between Richard Bradleys and Mrs. Wright, except in the devise to Thomas Brown.

Also after the death of my said wife Mary Brown, that part of a tract of land lying in the County of New Hanover, on the Sound beginning at the mouth of a small gully on the bank being the lower line of a piece heretofore devised to Mary Miller, then running along the said Mary Millers lower line to the back line of the aforesaid tract, then down the back line of the aforesaid tract to Richard Bradleys upper line then along Bradleys upper line to a marked cedar on the Creek, then up the Creek to the first station. Also two lots of ground in the Town of Pittsborough in Chatham County known in the plan of said Town by the numbers 16 and 18, which lots were conveyed to me by Matthew Jones, by deed bearing date the 10th day of June 1786.

Also one lot of ground in the Town of Campbeltown near the old Jail formerly the property of William Bartram deceased, also one

piece or parcel of land on Bartram Lake containing one hundred acres, and joining the lands the property of Hugh Hadden and also that lot or parcel of ground in the town of Haywood in which I had had a house erected, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and one fourth of the unimproved lots to her the said Lucy Ann Owen her heirs and assigns forever.

Also I give devise and bequest to my said daughter Lucy Ann Owen, one fifth of all my negro Slaves not heretofore specifically bequeathed with their increase and issue.

Also one fifth part of all my stock of cattle horses hogs and sheep, also one fourth part of all the plantation tools and implements of husbandry to her her Executors administrators and assigns forever.

Also I give and bequest to Mary Miller Thomas Brown, John B. Brown and Lucy Ann Owen, to them and their heirs and assigns forever, after the death of my said wife Lucy Brown, all that part of my plantation in the County of New Hanover at the Sound on Lees Creek, which has not been heretofore specifically devised and on all other lands as I may be possessed of adjoining or near the sound to be divided between them share and share alike.

Also I give devise and bequest to my sons Thomas Brown and John B. Brown between and their heirs and assigns forever, all the rest and residue of my Real estate to be divided between them share and share alike.

I Nominate constitute and appoint my Wife Mary Brown Executrix and my sons Thomas Brown and John B. Brown Executors of this my last Will and Testament signed sealed and published and declared as for the last Will and testament of the said Thomas Brown, in the presence of us, who have signed our names in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other

"over"

the name of John Brown
inserted in the last line
before the Execution of this
Will

Robert Cochran } Thomas Brown Test
Edward B. Dudley }
John Wooster } October 30th 1813

I Thomas Brown being in sound mind and
after Matur deliberation wishing to make some
alteration in relation to and to my last Will
do annex the following Articles viz

The lot of ground in the Town of Hiliington
lying between Mr. Lotts and Judge Wright's
lot described and given in my above Will to my
Children Alexander C. Miller and Margaret Thielch -
I now give and bequeath to my Children John Brown
and Mary Ann Brown to them and their heirs for
ever.

Item The to the division of Slaves frequently occasioned
dissatisfaction and discontent and as the present
War may afford the means so suitable to escape
from their possessors. it is my Will and
desire that no division of my Negroes should
take place within the space of two years nor
then if my Executors or Administrators think
proper to defer it.

Item The house and lot in the Town of Hiliington bounded
by Market and Second streets at present occupied by
Beverly and given in my before mentioned Will
to John Brown and Mary Ann Brown. I do now give to
my children Alexander C. Miller and Mary Miller
to them and their heirs forever
Signed by my hand and sealed with my seal the 22nd
day of November Anno Domini 1814 -

Signed and sealed
in the presence of us } Thomas Brown Test
John Smith
J. Kinsie

North Carolina.
Bladen County.

I Robert H. Lyon of Elizabeth
town in the County of Bladen and State of North
Carolina. do make publick and declare this to be
my last Will and testament hereby revoking all
other by me at any time heretofore made -
My Wife shall have the disposition of my mortal
remains. and such disposition shall be subject to
her control and direction entirely. but I wish to
remind her here that I want no unnecessary
display made nor any extravagance used for
that purpose. a plain slab with my name and
other usual inscription ought to be sufficient and
satisfactory to her and my children. I have the
utmost confidence in her.

" 2nd" I give devise and bequeath all the property
that I own. to my dear wife Sally Lyon.
We have children and I am sure she will do
right by them.

3rd My life is insured or rather I have Benefit
Certificates in several Banknote orders and in these
Certificates I have devised how and to whom and
what sums to my Beneficiaries severally and the
most of them are Infants. Therefore I hereby
Constitute nominate and appoint my own dear
Wife Sally Lyon Testametary Guardian of all
my children. I trust her entirely to collect take care
of and distribute the funds arising from my
Benefit Certificates and from all other sources among
my children as she may think proper and Christian
like. Care is not provided for as the other children
and they ought to make him equal. all else not
herein expressed. I desire to be understood as
to give effect to this Will and carry out my desires
including Powers to my Executors.

I hereby appoint my Wife Sally Lyon Executrix to this
my last Will and testament. and I also appoint
her Guardian for my children. And of course she
is to have and I direct her to have and receive
Letters Testamentary and Letters of Guardianship