

John L. Brown's Will.

In the Name of God Amen, I John L. Brown of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being in perfect health and of sound & disposing Memory of mind shants be to God for the same, do make & declare this to be my last Will & Testament in manner & form following.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Ann Linn, Esther Linn and her heirs also two beds and furniture including the curtains bedstead and one black Walnut Table and looking glass also my ward and the new black upstair Cow & Calves and her charges of two Horses or Mules and one chest.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Brown Rachel and Anthony also one bed and furniture and one spinning wheel, blessing Water Clocks, Item I give unto my daughter Mary Brown and George and her bed and furniture also my Silver Table and Tea Spoons.

Item I give my daughter Mary Brown Dress and harness and bed and furniture.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph L. Brown Moses and Charlotte also one bed and furniture as for my real Estate I give unto my son Joseph L. Brown the plantation that I purchased of John White lying in the fork of quarter and quarter swamp also my interest in the lower right of Mr. Pelicab's plantation as for the rest of my real Estate my wife and desired is that it be equal divided between my wife Mary Ann and Martha Brown and Mary Brown and Mary Eliza Brown my desire is that my wife Sarah Brown have the house and one good share of land attached to it during her life and after her death to be given to my daughter to wit Martha Brown, Mary Brown and Mary E. Brown, Item my desire is that my wife Sarah Brown have and years provision out of my Estate and I further intimate my Mother George W. Brown and Henry Brown my whole and sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament recollecting all former Wills hereby me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26 day of February 1839. Signed sealed and pronounced by me John L. Brown as my last Will and Testament in the presence of us who was present at the time signing and being thereof.

George W. Brown
Benjamin R. Miller
James L. Whitehead

Northampton County December Court 1839.

This last Will & Testament of John L. Brown sen. was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of George W. Phleger and James Whitehead two of the subscribing Witnesses sworn and said that the Will he signed & proved Benjamin Henry Brown Sen of the Executors therein named came into Court and is found to qualify and therefore the Motion administered with the Will.

Unrecord is granted to Henry Götting who entered into bond in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars conditioned with Henry Brown and James Brown recorded and qualified as the law directs. Teste *Wm. H. Brown* etc.

John L. Brown's Will

In the Name of God Amen, I John L. Brown of the County of Green and State of Virginia but now in Wake Forest North Carolina being in a less state of health but of sound mind & Memory do make this my last Will in manner and form following. To wit, Item 1 My Will is that my Executor sell my three Negroes (Sharps, Pleasure & Abby) together with all the rest of my Estate both real and personal in any Manner he may think most advisable either in private or publicly Cash or Credit.

Item 2 My Will and desired further is that my Executor apply as much of the profits arising from the principal of my Estate as may be necessary or needed for the support of my wife & child.

Item 3 When my daughter arrives at lawful age & marries, then my Estate to be equally divided between her and my wife but if my daughter should die in the mean time, all that I have will go to her, to go to her Mother, to her & her heirs forever, and lastly I hereby appoint my friend & friend J. H. H. of Northampton County, North Carolina Executors to this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of May A.D. 1839. Teste *Wm. H. Brown* etc.

Witnesses

Benjamin L. Harrison

John D. Powell

Northampton County December Court 1839.

This last Will & Testament of John L. Brown sen. was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of John D. Powell one of the subscribing Witnesses sworn and acknowledged to be lawful & recorded, whereupon Charles D. S. Peck the Executor therein named qualified as the law directs.

Teste *Wm. H. Brown* etc.