

Brown In the Name of God Amen the 22 day of August in the Year of
Will our Lord One Thousand seven hundred Ninety five. I Joseph Brown of
Bedford County & State of Virginia being weakly in body but of perfect mind
& Memory thanks be to god. & Calling to mind the mortality of my body and
knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make & declare this my
Last Will & Testament. that is to say Principally & first of all I give and
Recommend soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it. My body
I recommend to the Earth from whence it came to be buried in a

Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors, Nothing doubting
but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty
Power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has Pleased God to
bless me in this Life. I Give Demise & Dispose of the same in the following
Manner & form. Item I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Brown
all my Personal Estate with the Land & Appurtenances whereon now I live
during her life or Widowhood. Item I give & bequeath to my son Jese Dent
Brown One hundred & thirty Acres of Land which I bought of William
Brown to him this time forever, also an more Tract already Deeded.
Item I give & bequeath to my son Rhodham Brown one half of a Tract of Land

Brown one hundred & thirty acres of Land which I bought of William
Brown to him this heirs forever, also one mare & saddle already Delivered.
Item I Give & bequeath to my son Rhodham Brown one half of a Tract of Land
on head of Beaver Dam which I bought of Joseph Blankinship (Wig) that
Tract ^{John} adjoining gates to him. This heirs forever, Also a bay horse & saddle already
Delivered, Item I give & bequeath to my son Joseph Brown, Two hundred &
Thirty acres of Land being the Manor Tract where on now I live to him this
heirs forever, after my wife Elizabeth Browns Decease or Widowhood
Also one black horse & saddle already Delivered, Item I give & bequeath
to my son Hezekiah Brown the one other half of the aforesaid Tract of
Land which I bought of Joseph Blankinship next to the Grand stone
Quarry also one mare Colt called Tammy & silver Watch to be Delivered to him
at his arrival to Eighteen Years of age, the said Land to him this heirs
forever, Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Cepha Brown Twenty five
Pounds Lawful Money of Virginia to be paid out of ^{my} Personal Estate after
my aforesaid wifes Decease. Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah
Brown Twenty five pounds Lawful Money of Virginia to be Paid out of my

Personae Estate my aforesaid wife's Decease. Item I give & bequeath
to my Daughter Marget Brown Twenty five Pounds Lawful Money of
Virginia to be raised out of my Estate after my aforesaid Wife's Decease.
And after Paying off my Just Debts And my three Daughters their their
above mentioned sums of money. What remain of the said Estate to be
equally divided among my four sons & three Daughters above mentioned.
And I desire that my son Hezekiah Brown should have three months
schooling and Cepha three Months, And Sarah Twelve Months and
Margaret Eighteen months more than what they get this Present Year the
same to be paid for out of the Estate - And I do hereby Constitute and appoint
my two sons Josue Dent Brown & Rhoadham Brown my only & sole
Executors of this my Last will & Testament, And do hereby utterly Disannul
and Revoke all other Testaments Wills Legacies Bequests & Gifts by me or my wife
before married with. I Requeathed. Ratifying and Confirming this & no other
to be my Last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal This day 4th Year above Written.
Signed sealed Published and Pronounced by the said Joseph Brown as his
Last will & Testament. In Presence of us the Subscribers (Viz)

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William Dent

John Dent - his & Mark

Sarah Dent - his & Mark

Joseph Brown

At a Court held for Bedford County the 26th day of October 1795

This Last Will & Testament of Joseph Brown Deceased was proved by
the oath of William Dent & John Dent Witnesses whose names are
thereunto subscribed & ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of J^{es}

Dent Brown & Rhodham Brown the Executors therein named
who made oath & were Certificate is granted them for obtaining

Probate thereof in due form on giving security whereupon they together
with John Dent their security entered into & acknowledged their bond
in the Penalty of five hundred Pounds conditioned for the said
Executors due & faithful Administration of said Decedents Estate
& Performance of his Will. -

Teste

James Sleptoe (J^{es})

In Obedience to an Order of the worshipping Court of Bedford County