

David brush:
Will

I David brush being in a delicate state of health, but in a perfectly sane state of mind do make this my last will and testament as follows viz

1st It is my will and desire that my Executor herein after mentioned shall give up my business, collect all the money due me and pay off all my just debts.

2nd It is my will and desire that my Executor sell my negro woman named Gily and her children named Bessie, Sam & John on such payment as water is common and the highest price and make them best to accomplish the following objects

3rd It is my will and desire that the funds arising from the sale of the negro and any other surplus funds be applied to the purchase of a farm for a home for my family

4th It is my will and desire that the farm purchased as aforesaid shall be so conveyed as to secure it as a home for my wife and children until the youngest child is of age such child to have the benefit of it as a home and for a support until they are of age or marry. And if my wife does not marry she is to have the whole of the farm during her life and at her death it is to be sold and divided equally amongst the children

5th It is my will and desire if my wife should marry that the above mentioned farm shall be sold when all the children are of age or married & the proceeds to be equally divided among children now

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5th It is my will and desire if my wife should marry that the above mentioned farms shall be sold when all the children are of age or married & the proceeds to be equally divided among children now and to my wife her lawful heirs during her life which is to be equally divided among the children at her death

6th It is my will and desire that my Executors out of the funds above mentioned furnish my family with one horse, one cow and such farming utensils as they may think necessary

7th It is my will and desire that a sufficiency of my present crop be reserved to support my family until they can make a crop and the rest to be sold.

8th It is my will & desire that all my personal property be retained for the use of my family until the youngest child come of age. Provide however if there be a sufficiency that each child shall have a bed and furniture when they marry or come of age

9th I do hereby constitute and appoint Benjamin Cooper of Appomattox County as my Executor of this my last will & Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 2nd day of July 1832

(David Beards Seal)

Levy Suits
John Brown

at Petersburg September 1832

The testimony of the above mentioned witnesses to be the last will and testament of David Beards

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9th I do hereby constitute and appoint Benjamin Carpenter of Abbeville
Deputy in my Executors and

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