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undisposed and conscious of the certainty of death, and of the uncertainty of the time when it may happen do in my perfect senses and recollection make & ordain this my last Will and Testament. In the first place I will and desire that all my Just debts be as speedily paid as possible. Item I give to my son Eliza Brown the negro woman & slave named Feg (which he carried with him to Georgia) and all her increase to him and to his heirs forever, and also the sum of twenty five dollars. Item I give to my son William Brown the tract of Land on which he now lives containing containing two hundred and four acres be the same more or less to him and to his heirs forever, on his paying to my executors hereafter named one hundred dollars Cash, which said sum of one hundred dollars I do not wish him to pay until my youngest daughter Betty arrives at the age of Seventeen years or marries he paying Interest thereon one half the time it remains unpaid. Item having provided for my daughter Lucy Sullivan by a deed of Trust executed to James Brown and William Adams I wish her to have that estate only conveyed by the said and as is therein expressed and also the sum of one dollar and no more. Item I give to my son James Brown the tract of Land on which he now lives containing two hundred acres be the same more or less, to him and to his heirs forever, on his paying to my executors hereafter named the sum of one hundred dollars Cash, which said

dollars I do not wish him to pay until my Youngest daughter Patsy arrives
at the age of Seventeen years or marries he paying Interest thereon one half
the time it remains unpaid — Item I have provided for my daughter
Lucy Sullivan by a deed of Trust executed to James Brown and William Adams
I wish her to have that estate only conveyed by the said deed as is therein expressed
and also the sum of one dollar and no more — Item I give to my son James
Brown the tract of Land on which he now lives containing two hundred acres
be the same more or less to him and to his heirs forever on his paying to my
executor hereafter named the sum of one hundred dollars Cash. Which said
sum of one hundred dollars I do not wish him to pay until my Youngest daughter
Patsy arrives at the age of Seventeen years or marries he paying interest thereon one
half the time it remains unpaid. Item I give — my daughter Sarah Adams
one negro woman named Phillis and her ^{future} increase to her and to her heirs forever.
Item I give to my daughter Rebecca Adams one negro woman named Hannah
now in her possession and her future increase to her and to her heirs forever and
also the sum of Three hundred dollars in Cash — Thus I have made such
provision for the children by my first marriage as the nature & value of my estate
will permit — The balance then of I suppose of any ^{my} wife and children
her in manner following — In the first place I wish my son

them except such parts as it is specifically devised or directed to be sold to be kept together until my son Henry arrives at full age for the support of my wife and children by her and for the Education of the Younger children. When my said son Henry arrives at the age of twenty one years I wish and devise a division there to be made. The tract of Land whereon I live I lend to my wife during her natural life. I also give third of all the negro & personal property of every kind of which I am possessed subject to the above exceptions of specific devises & such parts of the State as is directed to be sold, which said one third of negro & personal property I lend to her during her natural life, and should my said wife wish to remove to the State of Georgia I then wish and direct my executors hereafter named to sell the said tract of Land, whereon I live and invest the money arising from such sale in Land in the said State of Georgia, which Land when so purchased I lend to my wife as aforesaid during her natural life. And after my said son Henry arrives at the age of twenty one years, I will and devise the said two thirds of my estate to be equally divided among my children John Brown, John Brown, Joseph C. Brown, Henry Brown, Stanley Brown, & Patsy Brown, subject to the exception aforesaid, after the death of my wife, should she continue to live on the plantation whereon I now live, I will and devise the same to be sold & the money arising from the sale to be equally divided among my said children John, Joseph C. Brown, Henry, Stanley, & Patsy.

on the plantation whereon I now live, I will and desire the same to be sold the
money arising from the Sale to be equally divided among my said Children
I give John, Joseph C. Henry, Nancy, Mary Brown. But should she choose
to move to Georgia I wish the land which may be purchased for her to be
equally divided among my said Children by her, unless a division of it would
injure the value thereof. in case it should be so injured I then wish the Land
to be sold and the money arising from the Sale to be divided as aforesaid.
I then I give to my son John Brown my horse called Celer on a saddle & bridle to him to
retain forever. I then I give to my son Irwin Brown the horse saddle & bridle he
is now possessed of to him and to his heirs forever, and also the sum of fifty dollars
in Cash. I then I give to my son Joseph C. Brown the Colt I gave him possession
of some time past a saddle and bridle to him and his heirs forever, I wish the
said Colt to be well kept until he comes of age and to be delivered at that time
unless he chooses to demand him sooner together with the saddle & bridle, I also
wish my said son Joseph C. Brown to be board out sent to school to Mr
Stephenson the ensuing year. In case the said Colt should die before my son
takes possession of him, I then wish an other horse of the value of eighty
dollars to be given him. I then I give to my son Henry Brown the sum of
one hundred dollars to buy a horse saddle and bridle when he comes of age.
I also wish him to be furnished with a suit of clothes when he comes of age.

I then I give to my son John Brown my horse called Celer and a saddle & bridle to him & his heirs forever. I then I give to my son John Brown the horse saddle & bridle that he is now possessed of to him and to his heirs forever, and also the sum of eighty dollars in cash. I then I give to my son Joseph C. Brown the Colt I gave him possession of some time past, a saddle and bridle to him and his heirs forever, I wish the said Colt to be well kept until he comes of age and to be delivered at that time unless he chooses to demand him sooner together with the saddle & bridle. I also wish my said son Joseph C. Brown to be board out sent to school to Mr. Stephenson the ensuing year. In case the said Colt should die before my son takes possession of him, I then wish an other horse of the value of eighty dollars to be given him. I then I give to my son Henry Brown the sum of one hundred dollars to buy him a horse saddle and bridle when he comes of age. I also wish him to be furnished with a suit of clothes when he comes of age. I then I give to my daughter Nancy Brown when she comes to the age of eighteen years or marrying a good feather bed & furniture & Comfort, to her & her heirs forever. I then I give to my daughter Sally Brown when she arrives at the age of eighteen years or marrying a good feather bed and furniture & Comfort to her & her heirs forever. I wish my son Henry Brown to be board out two years to school sent to Mr. Stephenson, & my son Joseph

21) I wish my executors to sell one half of my stock of cattle, my crop of tobacco and such part
of the grain and hogs which can be spared without an inconvenience to the family
I also my Widow and mine on such Credit as they may think proper. I also wish
that my executors sell my faithful and obedient negro fellow Dick to some person
in the neighbourhood whom he may choose convenient to his wife — Lastly I do
hereby appoint my friend Clement Read and my son John Brown executors of this my
Last Will and Testament and do hereby revoke and annul all other wills by me hereto
fore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this twenty
seventh of September one thousand eight hundred and two.

In presence of W. M. Watkins, William Hanner, Samuel Fugate, } Burwell ^{his} Brown d. s. f.
Chancery Court held for Charlotte County the 3^d day of January 1803.

This Last Will and Testament of Burwell Brown dec^d was presented in Court by
Clement Read one of the Executors hereto named and the same was proved by the oaths
of William M. Watkins, and William Hanner two of the Subscribing Witnesses & ordered
to be recorded — and it appearing to the Court that John Brown named none of the
executors in the said Will is an Infant under the age of twenty one years — and the
said Clement Read not choosing at this time to take probate of the said Will as an
Executor — On the motion of the said Clement Read he is appointed to Collect and
Inventory the estate of the said Burwell Brown the Testator and to keep and preserve
the same in his hands during the life of the said John Brown.

executors in the said Will is an Infant under the age of twenty one years and the
said Clement Read not choosing at this time to take probate of the said Will as an
Executor On the motion of the said Clement Read he is appointed to Collect and
Inventory the estate of the said Durrell Brown the Testator and to keep and preserve
the same in his hands during the Infancy of the said John Brown the other
Executor named in the Will then to be delivered up to the Executor or adminis-
trator of the said Estate or when thereof required he giving bond in the Clerk's office
with Abel Watkins his Security in the penalty of Six thousand dollars conditioned
for Collecting the said Estate, making an Inventory thereof and the same
keeping and delivering up the said Estate when required to the Executors or
administrators agreeable to Law

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Thomas Read Secy

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 7th day of February 1803.

On the motion of Clement Read one of the executors named in this Will who made oath
according to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said Will
in due form he giving Security whereupon he with Isaac Read his Security
entered into & acknowledged their bond according to Law for that purpose removing
liberty to John Brown the other executor named in the Will to join in the probate
thereof when he shall think fit.

Teste

Thomas Read Secy
Isaac Read his Security