

In the name of God Amen —

William Brown of the County of Elizabeth City being in perfect health both of Body and mind do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following —

1st I give unto my loving Wife Diana Brown all the Estate that I received by the intermarriage with the aforesaid Diana Brown of whatsoever kind as Negroes, stock, Goods and chattles of every denomination with their increase to her and her Heirs —

I further give unto my Wife as aforesaid one fourth part of my stock of cattle & hogs together with her choice of one of the best houses on the plantation — I send

unto my said Wife my negroes Ola David my young Boys Billy & Chon during her life and at her death then the Boys Billy & Chon to go to my Grand Daughter Mary Sanderson

I give to my Daughter Mary Sanderson ten pounds —

I give to my Daughter Nancy Brown the following Negroes Viz — Old Sam, Jack, Phillis, Sculia & Johnna

together with their increase or also all my
remaining Estate of whatsoever kind not
named in this Will and in case my
Daughter Nancy Brown and my Grand
Daughter Mary Sanderson should not ~~have~~
lawfully begotten of their bodies it is
then my will and desire that the beque-
wills to them shall not be willed by them
to any person or persons whatever but shall
remain free together with their increase

and I do hereby ordain constitute &
appoint my loving Wife Diana Brown
executrix and my friends George Proctor
and George May executors of this my last
Will and Testament and to carry the same into
full effect and it is my will and desire that
my Executors & Executors shall not give Mon-
ey for the performance of their duty and that each
and every of them will receive as a percent ~~from~~
from my Estate the sum of five pounds be-
side the customary commission for their services

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
Hand & Seal this ninth day of Dec: one thousand
seven hundred and ninety seven

signed sealed & published
in the last will of Wm Brown

William Brown

in presence of
George Baker

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for
Smith & Smelt
mark

Counsel to the within Will —

Whereas it may so happen that my
Grand Daughter Mary Sanderson may
die before she becomes possessed of the pro-
perty named for her in this said Will,
then it is my desire that the said property
named for her go to my said Daughter Mary
Brown in the same manner and under
the same restrictions as mentioned in
the aforesaid will and no other —

In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my Hand & Seal this ninth day of Dec:
one thousand seven hundred and ninety
seven

Signed & sealed
in presence of

George Bates

William Brown



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John F. Smith
clerk

C. W. May

It is Cou. held for this City to
June 26th this Will was produced
in Court. And proved by the oaths

of

And ordered to be Recorded
Juli
W. Haffwood, Clerk

Wm Brown
East Mill
Recorded

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Wm

William Brown