

I have made several wills heretofore, when I had considerable property to give my wife & Children, but since the Yankees have stolen all my negroes & robbed me of a great deal of my other personal property pillaging my house, breaking open all the doors, and stealing all the clothing they wanted, I have very little to write. They stole a gold watch, from me, worth about three hundred dollars, which was a bridal present from me to my wife when we were married half a century ago. They threatened to shoot me, if I did not deliver my watch to them, & burn down my dwelling house, presenting their pistols, at me frequently. & I, an old man of seventy six, that was too weak & feeble, to defend myself. I now therefore, make this my last will & testament, in manner & form following: Viz: 1st. I give & bequeath to my Children and grand Children, and their descendants, throughout all future generations, the bitter hatred, and everlasting malignity of my heart & soul, against the Yankees, in cursing all the people north of Mason's & Dixon's line, and I do hereby prohibit & entreat, my Children & grand Children, if they have any love or veneration for me, to instill, into the hearts of their children & grand children, & all their future descendants, from their childhood, this bitter & hatred, and those malignant feelings, against the oppressor people, & their descendants, throughout all future generations.

and I gave to my beloved wife, Harriet Brown, all my estate both real & personal, to her & her heirs forever.

3rd I wish the Tract of land, which descended to me, by the death of my beloved Son, John S. Brown, lying in the Twp of Sugar, in Caroline County, containing three hundred thirty six & a half acres, which formerly belonged to my father, to be sold, on the most advantageous terms, and the moneys arising from such sale, to be applied to the payment of all my just & lawful debts, and the balance, to be equally divided among my two Sons, Joseph Booth, and George Guilford, and my two daughters, Sally & Campbell, and Susan Brown Repland.

4th I constitute & appoint my beloved wife Harriet Brown, Executor to this my last will & Testament hereby appointing her willing, all wills, heretofore made, by me; And should she at any time qualify as such, I do hereby appoint my two Sons, Joseph Booth & George Guilford Brown and my two Sons in law, John S. Repland & William W. Campbell, Executors, requesting & directing that no security, be required of them as of my wife, should she ever decide to qualify as I have the utmost confidence in their ability, propriety, and care to perform.

with my own hands this 25th day of November, in the year, one thousand eight hundred and Six.

J. D. Brown Seal

3 Witnesses

At a Court of Monthly Session held for Hanover County at the Court House on Tuesday the 25th of June 1869.

This last will and Testament of John D. Brown deceased was produced into Court by Joseph B. Brown one of the Executors therein named and there being no subscribing witnesses thereto, John Ragsdale and Chastain White were sworn and examined who declare they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said John D. Brown. They have examined the said will and verily believe the same to have been wholly written and subscribed by the said John D. Brown deceased. Whereupon it is ordered to be admitted.

Teste

R. D. Dossier Clerk

Unrecorded Date