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In the name of God amen. I, Wm. O. O'Connell of
Will. I have being certain with my body and soul of my mind
many thanks to Almighty God for the same I have
this to be my last Will and Testament in manner & form
following. I give and bequeath my loving wife Sarah O'Connell
during her life the said and plantation whereon I live and
after her death I have her said land to my three unmarried
daughters which they are to hold and enjoy untill they shall
marry and after they marry then I lend the said land to my
son Eliza O'Connell during his life and after his death I give the
said land unto my three daughters to wit, Anne, Rebecca, &
Elizabeth and then hereafter I have I give unto my loving
Wife Sarah O'Connell during her life the following slaves to wit, Ben
Katy, Ose, & Fanny and that she have power to give the said
slaves to such of my Children as she shall think fit I have I give
and bequeath unto my three unmarried daughters all the

leaves to such of my children as she shall think proper
 and bequeath unto my three unmarried daughters all the
 future increase of the Slaves lent to my wife as aforesaid
 Item I leave unto my son Charles Brown during his life the
 following Slaves, to wit to George & Teller and in case my said
 son shall leave Children lawfully begotten at his death then I give
 the Slaves lent to him as aforesaid together with the increase of the
 female Slaves unto such Children & their heirs forever but
 in case my said son shall leave no such Children at his death then
 I give the three Slaves and their increase as aforesaid to my
 three daughters Anne, Henrietta & Elizabeth and their heirs
 forever and in case my wife hereafter named shall judge
 that my said son shall not be a prudent use of the Slaves
 aforesaid then it is my will that she may cause the same to be
 sold and the proceeds thereof to be paid unto my said son
 or his heirs and assigns forever.

Charles Jackson and I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Elizabeth Parker and her heirs forever the following Slaves, to
wit, Stephen, Manning, Patrick & Matt. I give I lend to my daughter
Sarah Bransford during her life the following Slaves, to wit, Hannah
Bethie, Kate, Moses, George, which are now in her possession and at her
death I give the said Slaves and all their increase to be equally
divided among all my said daughters Children to them and their
heirs forever. It is my Will and desire that in case my Executors hereafter
named shall adjudge the Slaves aforesaid to be imprudently managed
by my said daughter or any ^{person} for her that then they have power to take
possession of the said ^{Slaves} aforesaid and hire them out, and pay the
annual hire to my said daughter I give I lend to my daughter Susan
Jackson during her life the following Slaves to wit, Sam, & Anthony
which are now in her possession and at her death I give the said
Slaves and their increase to be equally divided among all my
daughters Children to them and their heirs forever This my

daughter's children to them and their heirs forever. It is my
Will and desire that in case my ^{sons} hereafter named
shall assign the Slaves aforesaid to be lawfully married by
my said daughter or any person for her that then they have power
to take possession of the Slaves last as aforesaid and bind them
out and pay the annual hire to my said daughter. Item I give &
bequeath to my son Oliver Brown my young George. Item it is
my Will and desire that all the debts and commands of my Estate be
satisfied and paid towards paying my Debts, and that all my estate
now in my possession be kept on my plantation or hired out
as my Executors shall think best and the people arising therefrom
be applied towards discharging the remainder of my Debts until the
same be paid. Item my Executors shall levy any executions on
the lands then known and order all such Debts
payable by any of my Slaves shall be paid
the Slaves who have no slaves shall be sold by
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According to the value thereof I signed my last Will and Testament
and my former legal Power of Attorney and Power of Attorney

William Owen of the my last Will and Testament as Witness
my hand at that this fourteenth day of August one thousand seven

hundred seventy four

signed, sealed, published

Declared to be his last

Will & Testament in

presence of

Thomas Parsons

John Milkinson

David Parsons

William Owen

At a Court held for Harris County on Monday the 11th day of
January 1775

This last Will and Testament of William Owen

deed was presented in Court by the Executor thereof named R

being moved by the oath of a John Milkinson Court Clerk

deed was presented in Court by the Executrix therein named &
being proved by the Oath of Nathaniel Melkison Gent & by the
solemn affirmation of Samuel Parsons (one of the people called
Quakers) is admitted to Record, & true with the consent of the
said Executrix and on the motion of James A. Miller Certificate
is granted him for obtaining Letters of Administration on the
said William Owens Estate with his said Will annexed he
having taken the usual Oath & entered into and Acknowledged
them with Secrecy according to Law.

Teste

J. Adams Clk

Attest Thomas Samuel Clk

At a Court held for Hancock County at the Court House the 2^d day
of February 1784

This attested

of William Owens & Co. Executors of the said William Owens

Teste

James

Miller