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Wth the name of Jth Simon Robert Brown of the County of Orange
make and return this day last with and testament, making concerning
all former Wills by me heretofore made. — I give and devise unto my son
William Brown the tract of land whereon I formerly lived, containing one
hundred and fifty acres more or less, lying on the south side of a branch
beginning at the said branch where the church road crosses the
same thence up the said branch to a Storey Hill at a fork in the road on
the south side thereof thence to a chapped maple and some oaks to the
corner thence a West course by an old fence to Jeffersons path, thence down
the path to the mouth of the Forked branch thence up the said branch
to the mouth of a branch at two Spanish oaks dropped thence along
a new-chopped line to a pine, and a post oak on the ridge path thence
down the ridge path to a corner red oak, or before line thence along
his line to a point at the end of a field, on said line I thence to
the first station. — which said land I gave unto my son William, and his
wife Elizabeth during their natural lives, and after their deaths I desire that
the said tract of land is left, should be sold, and the money arising from
such sale I give and bequeath to be equally divided amongst the heirs of
my said son William, and his wife Elizabeth to them, and their heirs forever.
I give and devise unto my son William Brown and his wife Elizabeth, the fol-
lowing negroes, to wit: Seipie, Malinda, Rachel, Biff and Judy, during their
natural lives, and after their deaths I give the said negroes Robert, and
their increase to be equally divided amongst the lawful heirs of my said
son William, and his wife Elizabeth to them, and their heirs forever.
I give and devise to Thomas Rosta, and my daughter Mary Reese the tract
of land purchased of William Hughes, containing two hundred and fifty
acres more or less, beginning at two Spanish oaks at the head of a branch
on William Brown line, thence to a new-chopped line to the old road thence

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and now I give, beginning at the junction where the road of a branch
on William Brown's line, thence to a near upford line, to the old road thence
down the road to Chitt's line, thence to a corner on Overby's line thence up
Overby's line to a Spanish oak on Buford's line thence along his line to a
corner in Spring Brown's thence along his line to a small branch thence
along the same to the beginning. Which said land I leave unto the said Freeman
Reese and his wife Fanny during their natural lives and after their deaths
then my will and desire is that the tract of land aforesaid be sold and
the money arising from such sale to be equally divided amongst the lawful
children of my said son in law Freeman Reese & daughter Fanny Reese to
them and their heirs forever. From hence unto my son in law Freeman
Reese and my daughter Fanny Reese during their natural lives, the following
negroes to wit, Anarchy, Ned, Kinnah, Ben, and Joe, and their future increase
and after the deaths of the said Freeman Reese and my daughter Fanny, then
my will and desire is that the said negroes be sold, and their future increase
be equally divided amongst the children of my said son in law Freeman
Reese & daughter Fanny Reese to them and their heirs forever. From hence
unto my granddaughter Mary Brown a negro girl by the name of Minerva
and the increase of the said negro to her and her heirs forever. From
hence unto my grandson Robert Brown a negro boy by the name of
Angels to him and his heirs forever. From hence and hereafter unto
my son John F. Brown all the remainder of my land which I am
now possessed of containing ten hundred acres, more or less to him and
his heirs forever. From my will and desire is that my wife Lucy
Brown if she should survive me, have the use and possession of my
land given to my son John F. Brown during her natural life, but that
my said son John F. Brown be at liberty to settle upon any part of
the said land so as not to interrupt my said wife Lucy Brown.
From hence and hereafter unto my son John F. Brown the following
negroes to wit, Agnes, Eliza, George, Thelma, Percy and Ada to him
and his heirs forever. Also the future increase of all said negroes & give
to my said son John F. Brown to him and his heirs forever.
From hence and hereafter unto my son John F. Brown

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my negroes Mariah, Henry, and Mary, and one more
not devised be sold to pay my just debts, or so much of the said property
as will be sufficient to pay my just and lawfull debts at my death, and
whatever that may remain after paying my debts I desire may be equally
divided between my son John T Brown the children of William Brown
and the children of Fanny Keen to them and their heirs forever.

And lastly I constitute nominate and appoint my friends John
Taylor and George Craig, Executors to this my last will & Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my
seal this 30th day of November 1809. Signed & sealed & delivered
In presence of

Robert Brown (Seal)

John Taylor - Eliza Taylor
Elizabeth Stokes. Robert Wallace
Edens Morris

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At a Court held before me in Lunenburg County the 1st day of November 1810 the
within last Will and Testament of Robert Brown dec^d was presented in Court
and proved by the oaths of two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, and ordered
to be recorded. - And at a Court held for the said County the 13th day of
December following, on the motion of George Craig, who having made oath
according to Law to be qualified, it granted him for obtaining Probate of the said
Will in due form, whereupon he gave bond with approved security conditioned
as the Law directs and John Taylor the other executor named in the said Will
personally appeared in Court and refused to qualify by oaths which was
ordered to be recorded.

John Taylor

An Inventory, and appraisement of the estate of Joseph Bonham and