

In the Name of God, Amen, I John Brown of the Borough
of Norfolk in the Colony of Virginia, Carpenter, being sick and weak
in Body but of sound Memory (Blessed be God) do this Sixteenth
day of June in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred &
Sixty eight, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in
manner following, that is to say, first I recommend my Soul to God
that gave it and my Body to the Earth from whence it came & that
to be Buried in a decent manner according to the discretion of
my Executors hereafter mentioned, First my Will and desire is
that the following parcels of Land should be sold to discharge
my Funerall Charges, and Contracted Debts (that is to say) all
my Lands lying in the Southern Branch on Deep Creek in Norfolk
County being the same Lands I formerly purchased of Joseph Tucker
Likewise Two Lots of Land I purchased of Alexander Bell, Likewise
Four Lots and a half of Land I purchased of Paul Loyall, Likewise
One hundred and ninety Acres of Land lying on Deep Creek in

Warwick County formerly I purchased of John George Wells, Likewise
a Lot of Land I purchased of John Smith, Likewise one Negro Man
named Long Peter, all the above mentioned Lands and Negro Man
to be sold to discharge my Debts as aforesaid. —

Item I give to my loving Wife Judith Brown her Choice of all my Household
and Kitchen furniture whatsoever except the part or parts here-
after mentioned, Likewise I lend unto my Loving Wife, during her
Life the five Negroes hereafter named (viz) Matt, and Molly his Wife,
Dick, Sam, and a Negro Girl named Betty, Likewise I give my
Loving Wife One Horse called Punch, and One Cart, and Two Cows
that are now in Norfolk, Likewise I lend my said Wife Fifty Acres
of Land with all the Improvements ^{thereon} lying and joining ^{to} the City
of Williamsburg which I formerly purchased of Enos Edwards dur-
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Samuel Coke the other two thirds of the said Mill, on Conditions that
the said Samuel Coke shall keep the said Mill in Repair at his own
Cost and Expence and that he return the one third part of all the profits
of

of the said Mill unto my Wife Judith during her Widowhood
- and on his failing of not complying with this my request my Will
desire is that the said Mill should be sold, and the one third part of the Money
to go to my Wife, and the other two thirds to go to my Son John Brown
Also I Give to my Daughter Judith all the Lots of Land I formerly
purchased of Benjamin Waller and all the Improvements thereon
lying and being on the South side of the Main Street in the City of
Williamsburg, Likewise three Negroes Named Sambee and Sarah
his Wife and a Negro Man Named Bob, to her, her Heirs and Assigns
Likewise I Give to my Granddaughter Judith Coke one Negro Girl
named Nan to her, her Heirs and Assigns, and to be delivered to her
when she comes to Age or on the Day of Marriage, and untill such
Times the said Negro Girl to live with the said Judith Coke Mother to
the said Granddaughter as aforesaid, and if the said Granddaughter
should die before she comes of Age or Marries as aforesaid then the
said Negro Girl to be Equally divided amongst my surviving
Grand Children of my Daughter's

Grand Children of my Daughter Judith Coke. Also I lend to my
Loving Father and Mother the Nine Lots of Land I formerly pur-
chased of John George Wells in Warwick Town during their lives.
Likewise my Will and desire is that my Father should not be Dis-
tressed or disturbed by any Means for the Money Which he is indebted
to me during his Life Time. Also I give to my loving Son John
Brown One New Desk and Bookcase One five foot oval Table, one
Silver Watch, Six silver Table Spoons, and one large soup spoon. Six
Silver Tea Spoons. Likewise I Give to my Son John Brown at the
Death of my Father and Mother all the Nine Lots of Land before men-
tioned which I lent to them in Warwick Town. Likewise the Fifty Acres
of Land I lent to my loving Wife and joining to the City of Williamsburg
at her Death to him his Heirs and Assigns forever. Likewise all the
remainder part of my Negroes which I have not before mentioned
or disposed off to him his Heirs and Assigns. And if in Case my said
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or disposed off to him his Heirs and Assigns, And if in Case my said
Son John Brown should die before he arrives to full Age or without
any Heir lawfully Begotten of his own Body then my desire is
that the Lands and Negroes above mentioned should be Equally
Divided amongst my surviving Grandchildren of my Daughter

my Grandson John Coke at his arriving to full Age or on the Day
of his Marriage the Sum of Ten pounds Current Money of Virginia
and Likewise Ten pounds a piece to my two Grandchildren Sarah
and Susannah Coke, Likewise I Give to Margaret Nicholson Daugh-
-ter of Robert Nicholson Taylor in Williamsburg the Sum of Twenty
pounds Current Money of Virginia, Likewise my desire is that my
Son John Brown should be allowed the Sum of Fifty pounds per
year for Maintenance during the Time he remains in the Secretarys
Office at Williamsburg, and all the rest of my Estate not above
mentioned my desire is that it should be Sold and the Money to go
to discharge my Debts as aforesaid and when the Lands & Negro
Man first above mentioned are Sold for more Money then will
discharge the said Debts, my Will is, that which is over and above to
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be equally divided Between my Loving Wife and my Son John, Lastly
my Will and desire is that the four pair of Negro Servants should
remain at the plantation where they now are until such Times as
the Crop which is now upon Hand is finished, And all the rest of
the Negroes to be hired out, Except such Negroes that my Loving
Wife should want, And the Money for the hire of such Negroes to be

The property of said Wife Judith Brown. Also I make and
my Trusty friend Robert Nicholson and my son John Brown
Sole Executors of this my Will In Trust for the Intents and purposes
in this my Will contained. In Witness whereof I the said John
Brown have to this my last Will and Testament set my Hand
and Seal the Day and year above written.

John Brown & Seal

Signed Sealed and Delivered by the said
John Brown as his last Will & Testament
in the Presence of us who were present
at the Signing & Sealing thereof
Stephen Tankard

Sam Cooke

John Allen

I John Brown do desire that my Executors within named may
not be compelled to give security for the due performance of the

In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my Hand and Seal
this twentieth day of June in the Year of our Lord One thousand
seven Hundred and Sixty eight.

Signed Sealed, Published & declared
by the Testator as a bodieil to his
last Will and Testament in the
Presence of us

John Brown & Seal

Stephen Tankard

Norfolk County

Sam^l Coke

At a Court held the 21st day of July 1768.

Robey Coke

The last Will and Testament of John Brown deced^d
was this day proved by the Oath of Stephen Tankard
Samuel Coke and John Allen, and the bodieil

thereto was proved by the Oath of Stephen Tankard, Samuel Coke and Robey
Coke and Ordered to be Recorded: Robert Nicholson and John Brown, Executors
therein named having taken the Oath and given Bond and Security
according to Law: Certificate for obtaining a Probat is granted them on the
said Will

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