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Georgia }  
 Butts County } of Butts, in said State, knowing  
 the uncertainty of life and that all must  
 die, and being desirous to arrange my mortal  
 affairs do make public and declare this my last  
 will and testament, hereby revoking all other Wills  
 by me made

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I wish all my just debt to be paid  
 as speedily as possible after my decease, and  
 for this purpose and to this end, authorize  
 and empower my Executor, herein after named to  
 sell and dispose of all my property, (except my  
 negroes - my negroes are not to be sold) and the  
 proceeds arising from the sale, to be applied to the pay-  
 ment of my debts, my negroes to be disposed of as  
 hereafter mentioned

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to Rebecca A Butts  
 widow of David B Butts, now residing in  
 Macon, Georgia, all my negroes, and the in-  
 =crease of the family to wit:  
 Maria a Mulatto woman now about thirty  
 six (26) years old and her three children to wit:  
 Mary Ann a girl about eleven (11) years old  
 Reuben a boy about nine (9) years old and  
 Arabella a girl about six (6) years old  
 to have and to hold said negroes and their in-  
 =crease to said Rebecca A Butts during her natural  
 life or widowhood and (at her Manlike Shoul-  
 der) said negroes to be taken pos-  
 =sion off by my Executor, and he to pay a reasonable  
 price therefor to said Rebecca A Butts for her sole  
 and separate use, free from the control of debts  
 or engagements, of any husband with whom she  
 may intermarry

And at her death said negroes and  
 all their in =crease to be removed immediately by my  
 Executor to some of the non-slaveholding States of the  
 United States, and kept there, and not permitted to  
 return to this State, or any Slave State unless my  
 Executor can procure to be passed by the Legislature  
 of Georgia an act authorizing them to return to the  
 State, and I now request my Executor to make  
 such application to the Legislature, after the death  
 of said Rebecca A Butts

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> After the payment of all my just debts I give and bequeath to my Executors all the residue of my Estate, real and personal to enable them to pay the necessary Expenses of removing said negroes and their in Crime from this State to some one of the non-slaveholding States of the United States, and making a reasonable provision for their Settlement there

Item 4<sup>th</sup> As to the Notes and other demands which I hold, or may hold at my death, against my Brother Joseph Brown, I wish them to be Surrendered and given up to him, unless the same should become necessary to my Executors in executing the Trust of this my Will

Item 5<sup>th</sup> For every Satisfactory to myself I have thought proper to Exclude, and do now Exclude from participation in my Estate the Children of my deceased Sister Sarah Dillow, and my Half Brothers and Sisters, and my Brother Joseph, Except as above referred to in Item 4<sup>th</sup> of this my Will

I nominate, Constitute and Appoint my friend John C. Butler Executor of this my last will and testament, and in the Event of his Death, I nominate, Constitute and Appoint my friend John A. Campbell of Mobile Alabama, Executor of this my last will and testament

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 8<sup>th</sup> May 1852

Alfred S. Brown

Signed, Sealed, published and Declared by the Testator as and for his last will and testament, who at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have signed the said as Witnesses this 8<sup>th</sup> May 1852

Thomas P. Stubbs  
John P. Chapin  
Granby Bridgman

Georgia } Court of Ordinary  
Bibb County } July Term 1853  
In open Court personally appeared  
- and Thomas P. Stubbs one of the parties

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Witnesses to the last will and testament of Alfred  
 Borow (to which said last will, this is now  
 attached) and who being duly sworn depose that  
 said that he saw Alfred B Borow. Sign publish  
 and declare the same as his last will and testa-  
 -ment, that said Testator was then of Sound Mind  
 and disposing mind and memory, and executed  
 the same freely, and voluntarily so far as de-  
 -ment saw, knows or believes that he saw John  
 P Chapman (who is now deceased) sign the said  
 will and testament, and he saw Granbury Bridgman  
 (the other subscribing witness), also sign the same  
 as a subscribing witness, and that he the said  
 Testator signed said will & Testament in the presence  
 of said three witnesses, and they signed in presence  
 of each other, and in the presence of said  
 Testator. 7th July 1857  
 Sworn to & Subscribed }  
 before me in open Court }  
 W. M. Mearns }  
 Ordinary }

Court of Ordinary July Term 1857  
 John C Butler, who is named and appointed  
 Executor of the last will & Testament of Alfred  
 B Borow now deceased, and having produced  
 said last will and testament for Probate, and the  
 same having been duly proved by the oath of Thomas  
 P Stubbs, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto  
 ordered that the said be admitted to record, and  
 he having taken the usual oath required by law  
 in such case provided, ordered by the Court  
 that letters testamentary do issue to him. By the  
 Court 7th July 1857  
 W. M. Mearns }  
 Ordinary }