

Last Will and Testament of Robert Brown.

State of Georgia } In the name of God: Amen.

County of } I, Robert Brown, a citizen of the County &
State of Georgia, now being of advanced age,
about seventy seven years old, deem it right and
proper, both as respects my family and myself, to make
a disposition of the property with which a kind providence
has blessed me, which I am in good health and
of a sound and disposing mind and memory, and
knowing that life is uncertain, and that according
to nature that I must soon depart this life: Hence,
I make this as my last will and Testament hereby
revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

Item 1.st I desire that all of my just debts be paid as
soon as possible, & that all demands due me be collected
in at as early a day as possible after my death.

Item 2.nd I direct that my son John Brown, and my daughter
Sarah Martin wife of Abner Martin, have twenty five
dollars each out of the proceeds of my estate after my
death; this amount I give them as a mere present and
for the purpose of buying an amount for each of them
to purchase something to keep as a memento of their
father; having given them heretofore, each, at least the
amount of one thousand dollars in money & property,
counting the property at its worth at the time it was
given; these amounts being more than I can ever
be able to give to, or leave for my wife & each of
my four minor children: my said four minor chil-
dren yet to be raised and educated in the best
manner that can be done suitable to their circumstances.

Item 3. I will that all of my property both real and personal
be equally divided between my wife Caroline, and my
sons, Joseph & Robert, and my daughters Hannah & Mary; or
the proceeds arising from the sale of the same, if best
to sell, & that the part left my wife to be in her own
power to sell.

Item 4. I desire to be buried at Hopewell Methodist Church
beside my deceased wife either in a decent and

Suitable to my circumstances.

Item 3. I do appoint my son John Brown, Executor of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said Robert Brown, do hereunto set my hand seal in the presence of Hiram N. Bentley, Benjamin L. Ottwell & Starling J. Wallis who have called upon to witness this will - all of us signing in the presence of each other; and after I have dictated the same, and the same being plainly and distinctly Read over before signing - all done on this the 11th day of December 1875.

Witness

(Signed) Robert Brown L.

(Signed) Hiram N. Bentley }

(Signed) Benj L. Ottwell }

(Signed) Starling J. Wallis }

Georgia } Forsyth County of Ordinary, Nov Term 1881

Forsyth County } And now in open Court comes Hiram N. Bentley,

Benj L. Ottwell and Starling J. Wallis, who, being sworn, say that they saw Robert Brown, Decd sign & publish said will dated Decr 11th 75, as his last will & Testament while of sound & disposing mind that they witnessed the same for him at his request, & in his presence - the same was voluntarily executed on the day it purports to have been executed.

Sworn to and subscribed (Signed) H. N. Bentley

before me, This Nov 7th 1881 (Signed) Benj L. Ottwell

(Signed) L. M. Hankins (Signed) Starling J. Wallis

Only