

Georgia } In The name of God Amen!!
Group County } I John Brown being of advanced age and knowing
that I must shortly depart from this world do hereby make
this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all
others heretofore made by me
It is my Will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid out of my
Estate

I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife ^{fully} for and during her natural
life one negro Boy such as she may choose from my negroes, One Horse
such as she may choose from all my horses, One Cow and calf
such as she may choose from all my stock of cattle and forty acres
of land to be bought for her in Alabama and one year's provision, all
of which at her death to be equally divided between my children

It is my Will and desire that after my death that the balance of my
property be equally divided between my children first making them
equal with what they have got heretofore and that the part of my Estate
which Elizabeth A Ridgeway gets is to be hers her life time and after death
it is to go to her children and that the tract of land she now lives on she is
to take at the price of Six Hundred dollars out of her part and it is my
Will and desire that Royal Ridgeway her husband is to have no control
of any part of said property

It is my Will and desire that my Boy Jim and his Wife be not separated
and that of all I appoint my friend Richard F. Thomas my sole
Executor of this my last Will and Testament signed sealed and acknowledged
this to be my last Will and Testament this 15th day of December 1854

John Brown
Elizah Anderson
R. Ridgeway

Georgia } Court of Ordinary January Term 1855
Group County } In person came before me Wiley Nelson Ordinary of said
County John Gorham and Elizah Anderson, two of the
subscribing witnesses to the last Will and Testament of John Brown late of
said County deceased who being duly sworn saith that they saw the Testator
sign seal and publish the within as his last Will and Testament that the
same was done by him voluntarily and without compulsion that the
Testator was of sound disposing mind and memory that he subscribed
the same in their presence that they each subscribed in his presence &
the presence of each other and that they say J. W. Ridgeway sign the
same in our presence and in the presence of the Testator and that
we signed the same at the special instance and request of said Testator
subscribed and subscribed before me this 8 day 1855

Wiley Nelson Ordinary
John Gorham
Elizah Anderson

Georgia } Court of Ordinary January Term 1855
Group County } The last Will and Testament of John Brown late of said
County deceased having been duly and legally proven at this Term of
the Court and the same being now regularly before the Court for Record
by the Executor nominated therein. It is ordered and adjudged by the
Court that the same is duly and legally proven as the last Will and Testa-
ment of John Brown deceased and that it be and is hereby admitted
to Record as such
Recorded 13 January 1855 Wiley Nelson Ordinary