

William Brown's Will

In the name of God Amen. I William Brown of the County of Ashe and state of North Carolina farmer being weak of body but of perfect mind calling to mind the certainty of death and uncertainty of life, do recommend my soul to God and my body to the grave to be buried in a decent manner And the property that the Lord hath blessed me with I do will & bequeath in the following manner, first, that all my lawful debts be paid, 2^d my will and desire is that Leatharine my beloved wife should have all my personal property namely household furniture & tools still and stock during her natural life and at her death my will & desire is that all the above named property be equally divided between my son Benjamin & my daughters Leatharine & Elizabeth 3^d my will & desire is that Anna Rachel Shadricks John & Margaret have one shilling each of them as that with what I have already given them will make an equal part. 4th I do choose and appoint my son Shadricks & John my sole Executors of this my last will and testament, and do utterly revoke and disannul & make void all others by me made & do own this my last will & testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of June One thousand Eight hundred. (Entered before me)

Signed sealed & attested
witnessed in the presence William Brown

James McLoanly }
Edward H. Spacknile } Jurats