

April Session 1847.

In the name of God Amen, I Joseph Brown of the County of Catawba, and State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, First, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Catharine Brown one cupboard and furniture, one clock and table, one Bureau the one she bought with her three beds and furniture. I also will that my wife Catharine Brown divide out a bed each, to my two eldest sons, Francis and Thompson when they shall call for them. I give, with to my wife Catharine Brown one Sewing and lastline, and my daughter, also to have the use of the same while they shall live together. I also will that my wife Catharine Brown have one side table, one wash pot, and Kitchen furniture, one white Cornish chair, six head of sheep, one Horse, one Negro girl named Sarah to belong to my wife Catharine Brown, during her life, but the increase of the Negro girl Sarah if any she should have to be sold, and divided amongst the three when my youngest son, Andrew Elbert Brown, shall become of age, I also will that the Negro girl Sarah belong to the use of the family until my youngest son, Andrew Elbert Brown, shall become of age, then to belong to my wife Catharine Brown, but her increase, to be sold if any she should have (as stated above, and equally divided amongst my heirs, my wife and with the rest. Second, I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Jones, one side saddle, and one Bureau, thirdly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Elender Brown one wheel and cards, one Biddle and saddle, one Bureau and Bedstead, bed and furniture her own bedstead and saddle blanket, one cow and calf, when she should need it, and fifty dollars in money, as soon as Executor can make sale and collect.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Brown, one wheel and cards and Biddle, saddle and blanket, one Bureau to be bought for Mary, one bedstead, bed, and furniture the bed had her own, one cow and calf, when needed, and fifty dollars in money, as soon as my Executor can make sale and collect.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my son William B. Brown, the sum of twenty five dollars in money as soon as my Executor can make sale and collect. Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my son Thompson Brown one horse, saddle and bridle at a good valuation and the balance in money to make him out one hundred dollars as soon as my Executor can make sale and collect. Seventhly, I give and bequeath to my sons Simeon, Conrad Brown, James Morris Brown, and Andrew Elbert Brown that after the payment of my lawful debts, the remainder of the proceeds of the sale of my property to be equally divided amongst my three youngest sons. I also will one Negro boy named Calvin, as left to make for the support of my family, so long as he may stay to gether, or until my youngest child shall become of age, and under the entire control of my

Brother, Gabriel Brown until my youngest child shall become of age, then to be sold with the Negro girl Sarah increase of any she should have, the proceeds of the sale of the Negro boy, Calvin to be equally divided amongst my heirs. My wife and with the rest. I also will that my executor sell a tract of land of mine lying on the Route road in the County and State above named, containing one hundred acres, more or less, adjoining lands of Michael Lillon, David Fisher and others. I also will that my executor, sell the above mentioned land, public or private, as he may think best.

I also will that the proceeds of the sale of the land go to the payment of my lawful debts and the balance of any to be divided amongst my heirs Elender, Brown, Mary Brown, William Brown, Thompson Brown and my three youngest sons, equally. I also, will give head of Cows to the use of my family. I neglected to mention in the proper place that I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Catharine Brown, one Biddle and blanket, wheel and cards.

I nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife Catharine Brown, and my brother Gabriel Brown, sole executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made, in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 6th day of April in the year of our Lord A.D. 1847. Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named Joseph Brown to be his last will and Testament, in the presence of us.

John C. Bonum
Thomas G. Hillam
William S. Lillon

Joseph Brown (Seal)

In the name of God Amen, I Silkeannah Sherrell of the County of Catawba, and State of North Carolina, being advanced in age but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind that I have to do, do publish this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows, viz. to say, I do give and bequeath to my son Gabriel A. Sherrell, all my money to account consisting of notes, bonds, or other papers or debts, of any description due me, all my stock of any description, all my house hold and Kitchen furniture including cards and all other things except about a house, all meat, all crops gathered or growing, including the rent of my land, also, the use or hire of a certain Negro Man named Charles divided for my life time or widowhood by my husband Alexander Sherrell, late of the County of Lincoln and State aforesaid, which my son Gabriel A. Sherrell sold some time since to Rhinbin Whitt which I claim the services of, and will and bequeath the hire, use and service, of said Negro to my son Gabriel A. Sherrell with all other legal and technical matters and things as a above mentioned. Just in as full a manner as if repeated again and all other things mentioned or not mentioned belonging to me.