

In the name of God Amen I, James Horton
of the County Chatham & State North Carolina
Being of sound mind & perfect memory blessed be
God do this twentieth day June in the year of our
Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty
Three do make & publish my last will & testa-
ment in manner & form as followeth - My will is
that all my just debts be paid out of my estate
and the balance to be disposed of as followeth
all the property that I did possessed of to be sold
on mine (presently) credit consisting of Land, Negro
Horses, Cattle, hogs, sheep, Household and Kitchen
furniture, crop, plantation work tools and all
other articles which consist of what it may and
as soon as the money is collected to be divided as
followeth - I give & bequeath to my daughter
William, One Hundred Dollars to be paid to her
as soon as collected. I give & bequeath unto my
grand daughter Melissa & Elizabeth William
One Hundred Dollars each to be paid to them as
soon as the money is collected and they have each
appointed the balance but it consist of what it may
to be equal between my son John Edwin B. Brown
son of Hall Horton share and share alike if my
son William should not be heard of, but if he
should be alive and ^{shall} apply, then and in that case
he is to share equal with his other brother - I
nominate and appoint my son John Horton Esq.
of this my last will & testament my executor
whereof the said James Horton hath hereunto
set his hand and seal the day & year above written
Signed sealed published & declared by the said
James Horton the Testator as his last will & testament
in the presence of us who were present at the time
of signing & sealing thereof -
J. Bennett James Horton (Seal)

Chatham County August Term 1843
This certifies that the foregoing last will & testament
of James Horton dec'd. was proved in open Court
by the oath of said Decedent the subscribing
witness thereto & ordered to be recorded & returned
John Horton the Executor therein named
appeared in open Court & was duly qualified as such
N. H. Thomas Clk

In the name of God Amen I William Brown
of Chatham County North Carolina being of sound
and disposing mind do constitute and make
this my last will & testament by me made here
by revoking all former wills & testaments by
me made in manner following -
First I say that it is my will & desire that
my Executor and Executor hereafter named do pay
all just debts by me owing out of each of my
personal Estate as they may think proper -
Item 2. I leave unto my beloved wife Sarah Brown
during her natural life the tract of land where
on I now live containing One Hundred Acres
be the same more or less All my Household &
Kitchen furniture stock of every description farming
and workshop tools with all & every other
articles which I may be possessed to be enjoyed
by her for her support and benefit -
Item 3rd After the death of my wife Sarah Brown
all of the property both real & personal which
I have bequeathed should I have any left I give
unto my adopted Grand son Charles Lee Brown
who now reside with me to him & his heirs for-
ever -
Item 4th I give unto my son Dorsey Brown the
sum of ten cents -

Item 5th I give unto my Grand Children William, Sally,
Bessie, Martha, Mary, Betty, Nancy, Emily, Lavinia
and David Brown Children of my deceased son
Alston Brown the sum of ten cents each -

Item 6th I give unto my son Solomon Brown
the sum of ten cents -

Item 7th I give unto my daughter Nancy Gifford
the sum of ten cents -

Item 8th I give to my grand son Marvin Brown
the sum of ten cents -

And lastly I do nominate and appoint my
beloved wife Sarah Brown Executrix & Martin
Phillips Executor to this my last Will & Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed
my hand & seal this 20th day of February A.D.
1843 entered before signed -

Witnessed and sealed in presence of

James Taylor
Philip W. Noble

William Brown

Chatham County August Term 1843

This certifies that the foregoing last will & Testament was
submitted for probate in open Court at May Term 1843, whereupon
Solomon Brown entered a caveat thereto. Whereupon the
Court ordered an issue to be made up to try whether
the said paper writing is & doth contain the last will
& Testament of said William Brown. And at the August Term of said
Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County a
Jury was duly sworn & empanelled to try the
issue aforesaid. and the said jury at the said
term returned their verdict as follows (viz) That
the said paper writing is & doth contain the
last will & Testament of said William Brown
decd. whereupon the Executors therein named
viz. Sarah Brown & Martin Phillips appeared
in open Court sworn duly qualified

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