

I John Crow of the County of Cum-
berland in the State of North Carolina,
being of sound and disposing mind, But ha-
ving the uncertainty of life, do make the following
disposition of my worldly effects, Viz All my Ma-
nors and lands, Other than those now occupied by
myself and Alexander Johnson as stores in the
Town of Fayetteville, I give to the care and man-
agement of my beloved wife Mary, for her use and
support, and that of my three children, Peter, Mary
Ann & Robert, so long as she shall live; Together
with all the Negroes, Household and Kitchen fu-
rniture, Stock of all kinds farming utensils &c,
that may be mine at my decease. The ballance
of my Estate such as Dry goods, groceries, Store
fixtures, and all appertains thereto belonging, and
the two stores in the Town of Fayetteville, one
now occupied by myself on Salisbury Street, and
the other upon the Market Square, and occupied
by Alex Johnson &c are to remain in the care
custody and occupancy of Alex Johnson, to be
by him managed, and the business now carried
on by him under the firm of Alex Johnson &c
to be continued by him the same as if I were
living, and the profits of the goods and groceries
do sold, and the rent or rents of said stores to be
equally divided between himself and my beloved

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Co. of Mills

2 Mary for her support, and the Education & support
of my three children before named. In case of the
death of Alex Johnson, or his death withdraual
from the business of Alex Johnson & Co. The goods
of all kinds, together with all fixtures to the store so
belonging are to be sold, and one half of their
proceeds to be retained by the said Alex Johnson
together with the one half the money and debts owing
to the company of Alex Johnson & Co. and the other half to be paid to my wife &
children. And further in
case of the death or withdraual of Alex Johnson
from the firm of Alex Johnson & Co, the said store
to be rented, or sold if it should be considered
most beneficial to all parties concerned, and the
proceeds to be divided equally between Alex Johnson
on the one part, and my wife Mary, and my
Children James, Peter, Mary Ann, & Robert, upon
the other part, In case my son James should not
be then living, I wish One Hundred Dollars of his
portion to be given to his son by Ellen Brown should
that child be alive. And in case of the death of both
James and his son, his portion to be equally divided
between my other Children that are then living.
The House and Land and all Negroes, Hens, Cows and
Kitchen furniture and farming utensils &c given in
the first part of this my will to my wife Mary for her
use and the three children then named, shall at
her decease, together with all increase in Negroes and
stock, be equally divided between all my Children
which shall then be living. Should Alex Johnson

be living at my decease, It is my wish for him
to pay all my just debts, and act as my
Executor also to carry out the business in which
he is now engaged in the same manner as if
I were living, and as designed by me in this
instrument, it being my last will and testament.

Signed and acknowledged
before us the 18th day of
Decr 1847 and after the inter-
dictions upon the second Page

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Witness

John Shaw.

Route Columbia, Court of Pleas & Quarter
Cumberland County, before Dec^r Term 1847
I John Shaw, purporting to be the last will and testament of
John Brown dec^d was produced in open Court & proved by I Reming one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto, And Alexander Johnson for the
Executor thereon named renounced his right to qualify, Whereupon
John Brown is appointed administrator with the will annexed upon his
entering into bond in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, with
Jesse Black, Robert Cross and Alexander Johnson for security
Bond filed and oath administered

J. S. Warden
Clerk

Witness at Dec^r 1847