

Elias Brown's Will

In the name of God Amen I Elias Brown being weak of body but of sound mind & memory do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following to wit. Then I lend the use of all my lands together with all my other property after paying my Debts to my beloved Wife Martha Brown for & during her life or Widowhood and after her death or ~~widowhood~~ intermarriage which may first take place I then give & bequeath all my said Land to be equally between my two sons William and Elias Brown to them & their heirs forever and if either of them should die under age & before his part to go & descend to my surviving son and his heirs forever. Then I give and bequeath all my Estate except my Land after the death of my said Wife or her marriage to my three Daughters Catharine Jane & Mary Brown to them their heirs and assigns forever. And I do hereby nominate & appoint my Father in Law William Decker and Sterling Johnston Executors of this my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 12 day of March 1813

Signed Sealed & delivered

Elias ^{his} Brown Seal
mark

In presence of
Harden
Thos Turner

Halifax County

August Term 1813

Then this Will was exhibited in open Court & duly proved by the oath of Thomas Turner one of the subscribing witnesses that he believed in the hand writing of John Harder

Elias Brown

I and to be equally between my two sons Willis and Elias Brown to them & their heirs forever and if either of them should die under age ^{before} marriage for his part to go & descend to my surviving son and his heirs forever. And I give and bequeath all my Estate except my Land after the death of my said wife or her marriage to my three Daughters Catharine Jane & Maria Brown to them their heirs and assigns forever. And I do hereby nominate & appoint my Father in Law William Decker and Sterling Johnston Executors of this my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 12th day of March 1873

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Then this Will was exhibited in open Court & duly proven by the oath of Thomas Turner one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto who also made oath to the hand writing of John Harden the other subscribing Witness who is dead and on motion ordered to be recorded

Witness
Richard Epes Clerk