

Will of John Brown

In the name of God Amen. John Brown of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being in a low state of bodily health but of a sound and disposing and memory thanks be to God do make publish and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit-

Item I leave to my loving wife two hundred acres of land lying and being on the south side of great Buffalo Swamp taking the house and plantation to her for lifetime or widowhood after that to belong to my son Adam Brown all the ballance of my land to my loving wife for lifetime or widowhood after that to be equally divided between Thomas Brown and Stephen Brown I leave my mill and blacksmith tools to be equally divided between all my sons after I and my wifes decease. I give to my son Adam Brown one cow and calf also two ewes and lambs all the balance of my stock of all kind to my loving wife for lifetime or widowhood after that to be equal divided between all my children.

I also give to my grandson Bertham Brown my hunting gear I also leave to my wife all my household and kitchen furniture her lifetime or widowhood and then to Adam Brown also my cider casks to Adam Brown, also all my working tools to my son Adam Brown also my grind stone to Adam.

I hereby constitute and appoint my son Thomas and Stephen executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the sixth day of August A.D. 1844. Signed, sealed published and declared to be his last will and testament in the presence of us

John ^{mark} Brown (seal)

Thomas Davis
Larry ^{mark} Gardner

Will of Wiley Barber

I Wiley Barber of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence I make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following

First That my executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of all my friends and relations and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 1st I give and devise to my daughter Lucy H. Johnson one feather bed and furniture and one side board and one chest and one side saddle and one wollen wheel and one large dutch oven and one shote.

Item 2nd I give and devise to my youngest daughter Sarah C. Johnson one feather bed and furniture and one red chest and one other small chest and one looking glass and one wollen wheel and one small dutch oven and all the weaving gear and all kitchen furniture to be equally divided between my two daughters Lucy H. Johnson and Sarah Johnson and one shote apiece.

Item 3rd I give and devise to my two sons Elbright and Henry Johnson one mare and cart all my plow and cart gear and one shote apiece and to my youngest son Henry C. Johnson one saddle and bridle to be furnished out of my estate.

Item 4th I give and devise to my daughter Mary Barber one cow and calf and one griddle and one blue sow and one shote.

Item 5th I give and devise to my daughter Susan Johnson one bowfat one table and one shote.

Item 6th I give and John Barber Jr the sum of five dollars to be paid out of my estate.

Item My will and devise is that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the devise and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there should any surplus over and above the payments of debts expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be divided and paid over to all my children in equal proportion and share alike to them and each and every of them their executors administrators and assigns forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son Elbridge A. Johnson my lawful executor to all intent and