

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 betwix 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 Berdham 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 Sr 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 devisees 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

purposes to execute the my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Wiley Barber do here to set my hand and seal this the 26th day of June A.D. 1846. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Wiley Barber to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe
 Wiley Barber (Seal)
 our names as witnesses thereto
 Geo. Woodall
 R. W. Stevens

Will of Starling W. Temple

Know all men by these present particularly those who may consider themselves interested that I Starling W. Temple of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina sensible of uncertainty of human life and anxious to settle I am in sound mind and of disposing memory to make satisfactory disposition of the property which I may die seized of and possessed do therefore make and ordain publish and declare this instrument of writing to be and contain my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills made by me.

1st I lend to my wife Amy Temple during her life (should she survive me) two hundred acres of land including my residence and my will and desire it that my neighbors Robert T. Mossingill, Starling Mossingill, Bazilla Blackmon and Peter B. Temple shall allot and set apart for the use of my wife aforesaid during her life such articles of my household and kitchen furniture as they shall deem necessary and convenient for her and that they give her out of my stock crop and provisions a sufficient support for one year for herself and family and that they put her in possession of the same together with her saddle to be used by her during her natural life and at her death such article of perishable property as is herein allotted or may be allotted (by my friends above named) together with its increase be sold and the proceeds arising therefrom be equally divided among all my children

2nd I give and bequeath to my son Starling Temple one tract of land adjoining the tract whereon I now reside beginning in Starling Mossingill line at a stake against the head of Slim Branch thence east with said Mossingill line to against the head of

the Marsh Branch thence the various courses of the Marsh Branch to great Juniper thence down the swamp to Barna Dawn corner thence up a small branch near Able Ellis to a row of marked trees thence with said trees to Elen Bakers line near his corner thence his line west about to a stake thence north to a stake in James Bakers fresh ground fence thence north with James Bakers line to my own corner thence west with James Bakers line to his corner near a small branch then to the run of great Juniper crosses the run in such a direction and so far as to make forty acres in a square as near as may be above the spring branch from the run of said Juniper thence east to the spring branch thence up the said branch to a small branch called the slim branch thence up the slim branch to the beginning with all and singular its rights and appurtenances forever also I give him the said Starling E. Temple his choice one of my horses one bridle and saddle one cow and calf two sows and pigs two ewes and lambs one bed and furniture one shot gun to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever.

3rd I also give and bequeath unto my two sons (viz) Starling E. and Burwell a small tract of land on Black Creek known as a part of the Barber tract beginning at or in the possession against the cross branch then about east or as my line runs two hundred and fifty poles to a stake thence north forty six poles to Black Creek William Bryan line thence up the courses of said creek thirty poles to William Bryan corner thence his line north forty five poles to a stake Benjamin Langston corner thence with Lancaster line west one hundred and ninety two poles to a black gum on the run of said creek his and David Smiths corner then J. Kennedays thence up the meanders of said creek to and old sweet gum log above the mouth of gum branch thence as the course of the swamp to the meadow branch and from thence to the beginning to them and their heirs forever.

I also give and bequeath unto my two sons as above named all my working tools to be divided between them cider casks also and the like to them.

Also I give Starling E. ten dollars in money to the use of him. I give Burwell fifteen dollars for to improve his education I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susan Blackman all my land above the wild cat branch and adjoining the Raper land and Durham Land.

I give unto my daughters (viz) Polly, Sally & Penelope one tract of land lying on Black Creek known as a part of the Barber tract beginning at or near a gum log above the mouth