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 Melissa Seward or shall remain in the hands of my Executors to be then hired out from the time of my death until my said Daughter Melissa shall arrive to age or marry and the Money arising from said hire put to interest for her use, but so as to have his Education paid for out of it. and also that if the said Negro wench Nan shall live till my daughter Melissa shall arrive to age or marry as aforesaid, and shall have issue more than three Children living at my will and desire that one young Negro shall be given to each of my Sons namely Benjamin, Saml Probert and William Sane to them and their heirs for ever but if it should so happen that the wench aforesaid should not have more than three Children alive at that time before mentioned or should not be living herself then and in that case the whole shall belong to my Daughter aforesaid and likewise six silver Tea spoons marked thus W. E. L.

Item I give to my Son Benjamin one Book Intituled Johnstons Dictionary And to my Son William Sane one other Book Intituled Drillemount upon Death. Lastly I constitute Appoint my Loving Brother, John Savender and my Friend George Clark Esq. my whole and sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal to this My last will and Testament this 26 day of may 1780

Signed sealed pronounced & Declared In presence of } John Savender Seal

John Perry
 Elijah Calhoun
 Michael Nooche

Proved by Name

To it Remembered this Tenth day of the Eighth month in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and twenty five, Edward Brown of Jones County in the State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament. My worldly estate I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. I improve, I give and bequeath unto my son Aaron Brown One hundred and twenty Acres of Land whereon he now lives beginning at a Water Oak on the River bank and runs through my cleared land to a marked Hickory thence to include his house and all within his fence as it now stands, thence a long a line of marked trees to a light wood stump, this to be the dividing line between him and his brother Hardy; this my son Aaron to have the lower part of my land lying to the Eastward of this mentioned line and also I give as above unto this my son Aaron Ninety five acres of back land which was patented by John Bryan which is to join his other one hundred and twenty Acres making in the whole Two hundred and fifteen Acres all of which I give unto him his heirs and assigns for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Hardy Brown One hundred and twenty Acres of land whereon I now live joining his brother Aaron's land and divided from his by the above mentioned land and his upper line between him and his brother Moses does begin on the river bank nearly opposite the mouth of the Horse pen branch and running thence and then with the horse pen branch until it comes into a line of marked trees thence with the said line of marked trees unto the back line also Ninety five acres of back land patented by John Bryan to be laid off joining the other One hundred and twenty acres which makes the whole Two hundred and fifteen acres which I give and bequeath unto my said son Hardy and to his heirs and assigns for ever.

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 Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Moses Brown One hundred and twenty Acres of Land next joining his brother Hardy and beginning on his line below and above to begin on the River at a White Oak and running along a line of marked trees to another White Oak thence along a straight line of marked trees unto a Pine formerly called Jack Anub's corner then a straight line to a spring of the horse pen branch then up the branch and so across the back land patented by John Bryan to include Ninety five acres more land making in the whole Two hundred and fifteen Acres all of which I give unto my said son Moses and to his heirs and assigns for ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Edward Brown One hundred and twenty Acres of land next above his brother Moses his lands and divided by the above mentioned line and the upper line between this my son Edward and my son Daniel is beginning at a byspring on the River and runs along a line of marked trees to a sweet gum and then along a line of marked trees to the back line of the old patent also Ninety five acres of the back land patented by John Bryan making in the whole Two hundred and fifteen acres this back land to be laid off joining his other land all of which I give to this my son Edward and to his heirs and assigns for ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel Brown all my upper part of land not before mentioned which is joining to his brother Edward, his land and bounded by and divided from his land by the above mentioned line, also all the residue of the land contained in John Bryan's patent also one hundred acres contained in a patent joining in the juniper possession which I patented myself the whole of this patent and the rest mentioned above containing in the whole Two hundred and fifteen acres I give unto my said son Daniel and to his heirs and assigns for ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son John Brown Twenty shilling lawful money to be raised out of my Estate to him and his heirs for ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my grandson Moses Brown son of son John Fifty pounds good and lawful money to be raised out of my estate to him and his heirs for ever. Item, I give unto my sons Moses, Daniel and Hardy all my Horses and Cattle also unto my sons Edward, Moses, Daniel and Hardy, to each of them one feather Bed and furniture a piece. Item, I give unto all my Children all the residue of my Estate not before mentioned to be equally divided amongst them all lastly I nominate my friend Joseph Dew and appoint him and my two sons Aaron Brown and Moses Brown Executors to this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and disannulling all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made, and Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament signed sealed and Declared by the said Edward Brown to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us Subscribers

Edward Brown Seal
 c. Minor Hall
 Richard Jelley
 Malachi Jelley
 State of North Carolina Jones County Court Aug. Term 1787. Then was the within last Will and Testament of Edward Brown dec. duly proved in open Court by the affirmation of Malachi Jelley of c. Minor Hall Two of the Subscribing Witnesses and ordered to be recorded at the same time Aaron Brown and Moses Brown two of the Executors therein named qualified as such able to law, and was that said last Testament duly recorded accordingly.