

In the name of God Amen

I Samuel Brown of the State of North Carolina and County of Jones being at this time weak in body, but of sound mind and disposing memory, and calling to mind the mortality of the body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, (To Wit) First of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it me, and my body to be buried in a plain Christian like manner at the discrepion of my executors, and as touching such worldly goods as it has pleased the Almighty to endow me with, I will and dispose of it in the following manner. (To Wit)

Item I give and bequeath to my son Hardy a Black mare called Gin, and Twenty Five Dollars in Cash to be paid out of my estate by my Executors to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Stephen all my right Title and Interest in the Land and plantation on which I now live, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item My will is that all the residue of my property not otherwise disposed of, be sold and the money arising from such sale be divided between my wife and all my children.

Item Last of all I nominate and appoint my Wife and and my son Williams, my Executors to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereunto set my hand and affix my seal the fourth day of September in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen

Signed and sealed
in presence of us

Samuel Brown 

Christopher Bryan
Hardy Brown

North Carolina

Jones County Court

The last will and Testament of Samuel Brown dec^d was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Christopher Bryan witness thereto. Ordered that the same be recorded - at same time the Widow of said dec^d qualified as Executrix that letters Testamentary issue accordingly