

June Session 1843.

Robert Brown's Will.

In the name of God, Amen,

I Robert Brown of the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina Being of Sound mind & memory Blessed be God do this 12th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five make and publish this my last will & testament in the manner following viz

First I direct that all my Just debts shall be paid 2nd I give and bequeath to my will and beloved wife Ruth during her natural life a Bed and its necessary furniture a Dresser and Kitchen furniture two cows and a calf her choice of my stock of cattle one Bureau one Tall wheel & cards one mare her choice of my stock of horses a side Saddle also she is to have possession of the mansion House in which I now live she is also to have her Maintenance off of the tract of land on which I now live during her life also she is to have one years Maintenance out of the stock of provisions on hand at the time of my death for herself and family

I My son John now deceased I have given him the following property viz One hundred and fifty

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3^d My son John now deceased I have given him the following property Viz One hundred and fifty acres of Land lying on Maple Swamp for which I executed him a deed of conveyance which was afterwards sold by the sheriff to satisfy debts of my said son John which the records of Lincoln County will show which said tract of land I do value at one dollar & fifty cents per acre making two hundred & twenty five dollars a mare saddle and bridle valued at one hundred dollars

A cow and calf valued at twelve dollars a sow and pigs
and some sheep valued at six dollars and a rifle gun valued
at twelve dollars all of which he had in his possession

6 I have given to my son Arthur a tract of land lying
on the waters of Indian Creek for which I have executed
deed of conveyance to him for the same containing
one hundred and seventy acres which making two
hundred and fifty five dollars a mare saddle & bridle
valued at one hundred dollars a cow and calf valued
at twelve dollars a sow & pigs and some sheep valued
at six dollars and a rifle gun valued at twelve dollars

7 I give and bequeath to my son Robert Harvey one
hundred and fifty acres of land on which he now lives
including his improvements which I have valued at
one dollar and fifty cents per acre making two hundred
and twenty five dollars also a horse saddle & bridle
a rifle gun a cow and calf a sow and pigs and some
sheep all of which I have valued at one hundred
dollars all of which the said Robert Harvey has in his
possession 8 I give and bequeath to my son James
the plantation on which I live containing about two
hundred acres which the following exception My wife
to have her maintainance during life as before
mentioned also the remainder of my family now living
with me and to have their maintainance of of said

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at twelve dollars a sow and pigs and some sheep valued
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including his improvements which I have valued at
one dollar and fifty cents per acre making two hundred
and twenty five dollars also a horse saddle & bridle
a rifle gun a cow and calf a sow and pigs and some
sheep all of which I have valued at one hundred
dollars all of which the said Robert Harvey has in his
possession. 6/ I give and bequeath to my son James
the plantation on which I live containing about two
hundred acres which the following exception My wife
is to have her maintenance during life as before
mentioned also the remainder of my family now living
with me and to have their maintenance off of said
tract of land in the same manner as they now have as long
as they remain in a single state also a horse saddle bridle
and a rifle gun which I value at one hundred dollars
also the plantation wagon windmill and all the farming
utensils of every kind 7/ I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Hannah and Jane three hundred and twenty
acres of land being the tract of land of land I purchased of

Strickest a tract of one hundred and twenty acres I
entered to them jointly & I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Hannah a cow and calf a bed and furniture
a side saddle worth fifteen dollars also a wheel and cards
and a chest which she has in her possession

I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane a cow
and calf a bed and furniture a side saddle worth fifteen
dollars a wheel and cards and also the Bureau which I have
given to my wife during her life after the death of my said
wife to be the property of my said daughter Jane

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Eighty five
acres of land on Indian Creek adjoining Boston Btft.
also seventy acres of land joining the south side of the home
tract a cow and calf a Bureau which she has in her
possession a bed and furniture wheel and cards also a side
saddle 11) By the above distribution I have divided my
real & personal estate amongst my children as near equal
as the nature of the case would admit I have furnished
all my children with their portion Except my daughter
Hannah who has not received a side saddle a cow and calf
& a wheel and cards also my daughter Jane has not recd
a side saddle a cow and calf a wheel and cards and also
my daughter Mary a cow and calf the cows and calves
& saddles are to be furnished by my Executor at the values
affixed to them out of my estate previous to any distribution

and calf a bed and furniture a side saddle worth fifteen dollars a wheel and cards and also the Bureau which I have given to my wife during her life after the death of my said wife to be the property of my said Daughter Jane

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14) And lastly I hereby make and ordain my worthy
son James Executor of this my last and Testament
in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal
the day and year above written Robert Brown Seal
Signed sealed Published } M/B The words in the 2nd
and declared by the said } section erased which are in the
Robert Brown as his last } following words Viz and also
will and Testament in } twenty five dollars in cash out of
The presence of us } the proceeds of the sale of my personal
H. Canisler } property here erased before Signed
Sept M. Canisler
Jno. Horse