

In the Name of Jesus Christ my Lord I James Brown of Clark Landing  
 County in N.C. as also in a sickly State of Body, but of sound mind  
 & memory, thanks to God for all his mercies to me, calling to mind the  
 mortality of my body, knowing all men must die before that the  
 judgments of God therefore recommend my soul to Almighty God who  
 gave it, Not doubting but I shall receive the same again at the  
 general resurrection by the mighty power of God, my body I  
 recommend to the Earth dust to dust, and as touching such worldly  
 Estate as God hath blessed me with in this life, I hereby will give  
 begin with the disposal of in the following manner & form. Very  
 Impressed, I will give & bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Lydia Brown  
 in Lived of her former Wif. one Negro woman named Ella & her child Phoebe  
 two other kids & furniture complete, one horse & all the bedding  
 fine Linen & clothes her choice, and the Kitchen & house hold furniture  
 not disposed of by this will shall be divided more & less alike among  
 my said wife & our two daughters Jane & Naomi, and the tools to  
 enable my said wife Lydia to live comfortable & happy with one  
 childeren, during her widowhood, I hereby will order & direct, that  
 she shall as may live on the land & enjoy the premises on both sides  
 living & dying the people there of bearing her widowhood, & to assist  
 her to support the same she shall have the use of my Negroe man named Hump  
 & the Brown mare named Till, & also all the farming tools & implements  
 which any person or may judge necessary to work land for a widow  
 widowhood. In them. I will give & bequeath to my beloved son Nelson  
 two Negroe boys named Sandy & Charley, one feather bed & bedding this  
 bed he now has with him. Then I will give, before removing the same  
 unto my beloved son Thomas one Negroe boy named Dick, one feather  
 bed & furniture & bedding & whatever is left of the same to be disposed  
 of on arrival. I now leave to him his Head & upper garment, & top of many  
 shirts to the value in consideration of his mother. Since I add to the  
 following restrictions & limitations here after written as here after  
 mentioned in this will. Also to my said son Thomas I will now leave  
 to him Mr. Darr named Bed which mare set is now given to him  
 him. I will & bequeath to my beloved daughter Jane two Negroe girls  
 named Mollie & Anna one feather bed & complete furniture.

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Impressis. I will give & bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Lydia Brown  
in Lend of her known life. one Negro woman named Eliza her child Phoebe  
two feather beds & furniture compleat, one horse called Bess saddle & bridle  
five Cows & calves her choice, also the Kitchen & house hold furniture  
not appurtening to this house shall be divided share & share alike among  
my said wife & our two daughters Jane & Naomi, and the tools to  
enable my said wife Lydia to live comfortable & happy with our  
children, during her widowhood, I hereby will order & direct, that  
she shall, or may, live on the land & enjoy the premises on which I now  
live, & enjoy the profits thereof during her widowhood, & to an  
use to work the farm she shall have the use of my Negroe man named Humpy  
& the Brown mare named Tilly. & also all the farming tools & implements  
which my servants may judge necessary to work land & farm during her  
widowhood, to them. I will give & bequeath to my beloved son Robert  
two Negro boys named Sandy & Charley, one feather bed & bedding this  
Horse he now has with him I am I will give, before conveying the same  
unto my beloved son Thomas, one Negro boy named Dick, one feather  
bed & furniture or bedding & also other & household goods I am possessed  
of on which I never knew his Master & age, no person, so long as living  
shall be to the use & encouragement of his mother, Jane & also to the  
following restrictions & limitations here after mentioned my house after  
mentioned in this testate, also to my said son Thomas to hold & own land  
lying etc. down named Lot which more set, is now given to Naomi  
there. I will & bequeath to my beloved daughter Jane two Negro girls  
named Modest & Peace one feather bed & compleat furniture, one  
man叫做Simeon Saddle & bridle three cows & one horse & the third  
of the Household & kitchen furniture as mentioned in her mother's  
negroe named as Simeon there. I will give & bequeath to my  
beloved daughter Naomi two Negro girls named Anna & Nancy

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My Fatherland & Motherland & Friends here the same called Sat. Installd  
 Dearly these Lands I leave to the third of the House hold & Kitchen servt  
 here as mentioned in the Mothers will & her bequestment —  
 Thus Thus It is my will & pleasure and I hereby declare my executors to settle  
 & convey all the residue of my estate not herein before sett or the money arising  
 therefrom together with other monies which may be collected from notes  
 account &c after paying all just debts shall be divided equally these  
 & share alike among my said beloved wife Anna said son Children  
 who also at the death of my said wife or separation of her husband as  
 the case may be; that my said executors shall sell the said negro man George  
 the slave named Tice & the remuneration of the same my executors to add to the sum  
 herein given my said wife & the monies arising therefrom shall be  
 equally divided among my said four Children & if either of  
 any of said Children should die before they severally attain the age  
 of twenty one years or twice after said period if he she or they should  
 die leaving no legal Heirs of their body or other legal Heir besides  
 brother or sister, that then his or her bequestment & distribution  
 shall be divided among the survivors  
 whether male or female. And Lastly Whereas I have in this will  
 conveyed to my son Thomas the lands on which he now with a condition  
 without condition or limitation to viz that if said Thomas should die  
 leaving no Heirs as above described; that then my said executors shall  
 sell the said lands for the best price they can get, giving reasonable time  
 for payment thereof, but that my said wife & executors will not wait to take  
 & the monies arising from said lands shall be paid by my said son  
 Robert or his legal representative the sum of one hundred pounds & the  
 remainder to be equally divided among the surviving Children viz  
 Robert & his sisters Anna Hobson or their legal representatives, and  
 provided nevertheless if my said son Thomas should not die & if after  
 a period of years my said Executors should be satisfied of opinion that  
 the price of said lands would be of much greater value to him than the sum  
 that the land itself & that then my said Executors may if they please sell  
 & convey the same, in such a manner as before unto the sum of the monies arising  
 shall be specially applied to the sum of the cost of him the said Plaintiff  
 & my Executors may judge proper — and also if my said Plaintiff or any  
 of his heirs had in the last case it had been of the judge to tell the jury

Therefrom to my said Executrix which may be collected from notes & others, clothes, money, my said wife have had from her Deceased husband at the death of my said wife or his widowhood as the case may be, that my said Executrix shall hold the said negro man Negro Black Beard till the termination of his, leaving tools & implements given to my said wife & the remainder of the, leaving therefore shall be equally divided among my said four Children, & if any of said Children shall die before they are equally division at the age of twenty one years or more after said period if he, she or they should die leaving no legal Heirs of their body or other legal Heirs, besides Mother or Sister, that then his, or her Heirs shall be entitled to the division between them & shall be equally divided among the Survivors between male or female, & if deathly Negroes should die leaving no Heirs as above described, that then my said Executrix shall divide the said Lands for the last time they can get, giving half to each of the negroes described, like that my said wife should receive half of the negroes leaving from said Lands to my said son Robert & his Sisters Jane & Susie or their legal representatives, also Robert & his Sisters Jane & Susie or their legal representatives, also provided in this year, said John Thomas should not die & if after a period of years my said Executrix should be dead, by of division that the said Lands would be of much greater value to him the Plaintiff than the Land itself, then my said Executrix may if they please sell the same, the same may be applied onto the amount of the negroes leaving equally applied to the same as though it were the said Plaintiff's Executors may judge proper, and also if my said Executrix are also of the opinion (as in the last case) that may fit the Plaintiff to keep his negroes leaving deceased equally among Robert, Jane & Susie or their legal representatives, & so in part in part my said Executrix may, perfect a legal bill.

to said lands in case they die in either case as before related. I do this of my  
full, & free Ensigne, & do over & confirm unto my wife the aforesaid Elizabeth  
Knox, Hugh Lawrence & John Shope all & thing else the rest of land or which  
I now have containing near 600 acres worth all the improvements thereon  
or thereabouts belonging to have & to hold to them their heirs & assigns for  
ever provided as before by - I do by this day affix my right hand &  
imprint my seal'd wife Lydia Knox & my Trusty friends Hugh  
Lawrence & John Shope to having & holding sole Executrix of this my last will  
& Testament, hereby revoking all & every other former will & Testament  
gift & Regiment. Ratifying & confirming this & no others to be my last  
will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 1744 -

Signed, Sealed, Published, pronounced & declared by the said James  
Knox as his last will & Testament also in his presence three witnesses  
of each other subscribed our names as witnesses

James Knox  
Richard Henry  
William Hernandez

James Knox

22 In the Name of God Amen. I William King of the County of Mecklen-  
burg in the State of North Carolina being infirm of Health at present but  
knowing that it is apprehended for all men must to die, do make & ordain  
this my last Will & Testament. That it is my principally Will of all  
I give & bequeath my soul to God that gave it, and my body on the  
Earth to be buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my friends  
and as for such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me  
with, I give & dispose of in the following Manner, viz

I give & bequeath my real estate leaving five Children that is to say  
Anne, Elizabeth, Priscilla, John King, Elizabeth 100 acres of William & Elizabeth  
to be equally divided, and it is my will & desire that my executors  
when & still hereafter created do keep in their hands Elizabeth & John  
until the decease of her & should if he should die before his last  
heir, & then to be given to the said Elizabeth McCracken to her & her  
Heirs, & assigns, and if the said Elizabeth should die before her  
husband that then her said to be equally divided among the two sons