

In the name of God Amen October 10th 1815 I Samuel Brown
of the State of North Carolina & County of Johnston being now in
a sick & low condition but sound in mind & memory calling
to mind that it is appointed to all men once to die, do make
& constitute this my last will & Testament revoking all others
I commend my spirit to God who gave it, & my body to
buried in a decent Christian manner.

1st I will that all my lawful debts be punctually paid out of my
~~estate to be appropriated to the use of my friend James Jamison~~
~~as shall be necessary to defray the proceeds of such parts of my~~
property as may not herein after be mentioned by my Executors

2^d I will so much money to be raised out of my estate to be ap-
propriated to the use of my friend James Jamison as will be
necessary to defray the expenses of procuring a deed for the mills
& lands thereto attached for which I stand bound & for which
mills & lands I have received complete value & that he shall pro-
cure said deed in his own name as the land has not been
run, I desire it to begin at a Cherry tree near the east corner
of the old ... & run the bounds according to entry thereof
and that the said James Jamison be hereby bound in his own
name to make in about Sherrwood and Whitehall his and my
reality good & sufficient deeds of conveyance for the several
tracts to them belonging out of the original as soon after he
shall procure it as they or either of them shall advance the
sum or sums to my Executors as they or either of them stand
bound for to me -

3rd I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy my plantation
house & all the land she may have use for in raising the fa-
mily during her life or widowhood after either of which they
shall be in the power of my Executors to use to the best advan-
tage of my children equally till they respectively come to
the age of twenty one excepting my sons who share my land
& I have given & bequeath to my beloved wife all my cattle
during her life or widowhood and after unto the use of my

to my spirit to God who gave it, & my body to
serve in a decent Christian manner.

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property as may not herein after be mentioned by my Executors.

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propriated to the use of my friend James Jamison as will be
necessary to defray the expenses of procuring a Deed for the Mills
& Lands thereto attached for which I stand bound & for which
Mills & Lands I have received ample value & that he shall pro-
cure said Deed in his own name as the land has not been
run, I desire it to begin at a Cherry tree near the east corner
of the old mill & run the bulk & bound according to entry thereof
and that in the said James Jamison be hereby bound in his own
name & make it Robert Sherwood and Whitwell his atty in law,
very good & sufficient deeds of conveyance for the several
tracts to them belonging out of the original as soon after he
shall procure it as they or either of them shall advance the
sum or sums to my Executors as they or either of them stand
bound for to me -

4th I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy my intentions
known & all the Land she may have use for in raising the fa-
mily during her life or widowhood after which of which they
shall be in the power of my Executors to use to the best advan-
-tage of my children equally till they respectively come to
the age of twenty one excepting my sons who share my Land
& I have given & bequeath to my beloved wife all my Cattle
during her life or widowhood and after ward to the use of my
children equally, also one horse of her choice her saddle &c
her furniture &c & her attire with all her clothing for use

5th I give & bequeath to my two sons James & William the whole
of the Land on which I live about three hundred acres to be equally
divided between them taking quality & quantity in so con-

consideration and the mansion house to belong to William
I also give & bequeath to my son James one horse & saddle of his
choice after my wife's choice.

6th I will & bequeath to my three daughters Jean, Esther and Sally
together with the infant not yet born, an equal share of
my Estate not otherwise disposed of in the above Will and
Testament. Lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint
my Brother James Brown and my wife & my Executors
of this my last Will & Testament. In Testimony whereof
I hereunto set my hand & affix my seal the date above-
written. Signed in the presence of
James Jameson } Samuel Brown
John Andrews }

North Carolina Newblenburg County.

In the name of God amen. I James Bell late of the County
of Cabarrus, now in Newblenburg & State aforesaid being, in
Reverent in life & very frail & weak in body, but sound in
mind & memory blessed in God for his mercies to me, & calling
to recollection the mortality of my body & that it is appointed
for all the Human family once to die. I hereby commend
my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me, and my Body
to the Earth from whence it came to be buried at the dis-
cretion of my Executors hereafter appointed; And as touching
my worldly property which it hath pleased God to bless
me with in this life I dispose of in the following manner viz
Item. I order & it is my Will that all my just debts be first paid
Item. I give & bequeath to my son Walter Bell all the property both Real
& personal which I ever gave & conveyed to him heretofore, that he
have now in possession. I also order & it is my will that my said
Walter keep my negro girl which he has now in possession
about seven or eight years old with all the above mentioned
property to be his & his Heirs forever. I give said Girl named
Linda to my said son Walter as a compensation for a part
of real Estate come to me by his mother's will.