

William King

The Name of God Person. I Samuel Brown of the County of  
the County of Gloucester, being there the last &  
whereof is 4. d. the tenth in body age of sound & in spirit been  
standing & memory. Do constitute this my last will & testa-  
ment wherein it may be enacted by all as followeth First I most  
humbly beseeche my soul to God my maker beseeching his most  
gracious acceptance of it. Then the all sufficient merits & mediation  
of my most compasionate redeemer Jesus Christ who gave him  
self to be the instrument for my sins & is able to save to the utter  
most from them & who I trust will not repel me w/return  
ing. Presently therefore I come to him for mercy, in this hope  
of confidence I render up my soul with transport humbly beseech  
the most bliford & glorious Trinity the God most Holy & most  
merciful & gracious to receive me to himself into that peace & rest H. S. Trinity  
that he has prepared for them that love him known Bliford b. God  
I give my body to the earth from whence it came in full assurance  
of its restoration from thence at the last day as for my burial  
I desire it may be decent without pomp or stile at the discretion  
of my wife & the nearest heir in after named terms I do now & will make  
manage it will all prudently - and as touching my worldly estate  
I will & beseeche that all my justable be paid  
Item To my well beloved wife Mary I bequeath her back & front land which  
she commonly called her house also two Horses named Brown & Black also  
the right of my flock to Hagle at the direction of my executors for the  
maintenance & support of the same six paces of her house above  
mentioning over Marshall Lane & back to the same  
gate with all the posts paid & charged for the same to  
him & joints which are to be equally divided between my husband  
three daughters & for her my heirs to remain & enjoy this my man-

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- Now however & I soon desireing her widowhood, I now own Young Black  
Mare named Calie all which is to have & property during her widow  
hood except the Negroes & them to be equally divided among my three  
Daughters I give Sarah & Abby except the household furniture which  
she is to dispose of at her own discretion -

Item To my well beloved Daughter Jane I bequeath one Brown Horse  
named Flint, with three Lams & four Hogs -

Item To my daughter Sarah I bequeath one Sorrel mare named Dawson  
with six head of neat cattle two or three years old, six head of hogs  
three Sheep & in case she does not come for said Legacy in the space of  
five years after my death then said Legacy shall be divided between  
my Daughters Jane & Abby -

Item To my Daughter Abby I bequeath one Sorrel horse named Bell  
six head cattle of two or three years old with six young hogs &  
several sheep also two hogs named Eve.

To my Grandson John Pitts I bequeath negro man named Jack &  
one Watch. Item To my Grandson Stephen Pitts I bequeath one  
Negro woman called Bet. - Item To my Granddaughter Agnes Pitts  
I bequeath one negro man called Hawk & four head of neat cattle  
of one or two years old. - Item To my Granddaughter Abby  
Pitts daughter of George Pitts I bequeath one hundred boyns  
puff & one hundred fifty a lot of Dawsions. - Item To my Granddaughter  
the Mary Landish I bequeath three Negroes names Tom, Will & Philib  
also one plantation wherein Alexander Landish lived in youth -

County South Carolina on Waters of Stink Creek facing George Pitts  
William Pitts, Joseph Jackson & John Harston plantation in  
Rockbank on County of Caroline, joining John Neely, Charles Calhoun  
Pitts, David & Robert Barnhill, on the waters of Stink Creek containing  
about three hundred acres, & one plantation near "Biggs Ferry" on the  
waters joining the land of David Calhoun, Samuel Neely and  
Martin Pitts containing three hundred acres, also one plantation  
joining the Jordan land & the land that was formerly Jackson Neely  
and another tract of my own & David knows all that the above  
contains also a piece of land in South Carolina joining the last  
mentioned tract of David & a small tract of land joining Martin Neely  
& Landish's line and it is known Landish returns to the part

She is to dispose of at her own discretion -

Item. To my well beloved Daughter Jane I bequeath one Head Horse  
named Flint, with three cows & four hogs -

Item. To my daughter Sarah I bequeath one Sow & two named Dawson  
with six head of neat cattle two or three years old, six hogs & hogs  
Yearling Hogs & in case she does not come for said Legacy in the space of  
five years after my death, then said Legacy to be divided between  
my Daughters Jane & Mary -

Item. To my Daughter Mary I bequeath one Sow & two named Bell  
& six head cattle of two or three years old with six young hogs &  
several sheep also two Negro men named Lee.

To my Grandson John Pittles I bequeath Negro man named Jack &  
One Watch. Item. To my Grandson Stephen Pittles I bequeath one  
Negro woman called Betsy - Item. To my Granddaughter Agnes Pittles  
I bequeath one Negro man called Frank & one head of neat cattle  
of one or two years old. Item. To my Granddaughter Mary  
Pittles daughter of George Pittles I bequeath one hundred & twenty acres  
of land & one hundred fifty & one head of Dawsions - Item. To my Granddaughter  
the Mary Landish I bequeath Three & Negros names Tom, Will & Phoebe  
also one plantation between Alexander Landish lies in youre -

Circum South Carolina on Waters of Stick Creek joining George Pittles  
William Pittles, Joseph Jackson & John Harrelson plantation in  
Mecklenburg County of Carolina, containing Jackson's Creek, Charles Calhoun  
Hill, David & Robert Barnhill, on the waters of Stick Creek containing  
about three hundred acres, & one plantation near Biggs Ferry on the  
Cawee joining the lands of David Calhoun, Samuel Husley and  
Martin West containing three hundred acres, also one plantation  
joining the Indian land & the land that was formerly Jackson Husley  
and another tract of my own & David Husley all that the above  
contains also sixteen of land in South Carolina joining the last  
mentioned tract of said & a small tract of land joining Martin West,  
& Standard by line, And if Alexander Landish returns to the part  
to him he is to have half property & keep off any land which is to said  
Mary Landish & two of said Negroes for twenty five years after my  
decease, But not sell neither or trade said land or Negroes to any

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person or persons whatsoever in law joined Mary Caudle deceased before she arrives to the age of eighteen years then said land & negro to descend to her Brother or Sister in law said Caudle his only issue by his Mother, and in case he said Caudle has no issue by his Mother then said lands & negro to descend to my daughter Jane & Mary equally also one negro girl about five years old named Sally till the said Negro is Twenty one years of age then to my Granddaughter Elizabeth Pitts, a negro girl named Sally & from her death until her about nine or two years old.

Item To my Grandson Samuel Knob Pitts son of William Pitts deceased the plantation between New River & Smith in the State joining the first as well make it a tract eight hundred acres with all the improvements & appurtenances thereto belonging also one Negro woman named Deborah one negro man called Stephen one Negro boy, & all the Negroes & their chattels to have the use of said Negroes till her is Ninety one years of age -

Item To William Pitts I bequeath all the remainder of the land in Soc. the Carolina except the tract my Brother Robert Knob lives on to which he is to hold during his life & then to descend to William Pitts except a tract joining Oak Head Springs on the Millstone branch & Blains branch, And that tract I bequeath to my Grandson Stephen Pitts one half of said tract is taken known & the last in his name William & John Pitts son of George Pitts one tract of land joining the river of New? Robeson, John Price, Mr. McRae, Joseph Blackwood, William Ferguson, Robert Chapman, & a tract one hundred & twenty eight acres, & one piece of land that Gordon lived on & a small tract joining Widow Scott, James Porter, Capt. Heath & two warrants in the hands of the County Surveyor & these last mentioned land I bequeath to my executors herein after named to be sold & the money arising from the sale to be equally divided among my grand children above named who my love stills my Willion my two wagons my Gun, my sword, & all Horses & cattle, Hogs & other Not mentioned & all the Farming utensils to be sold & the money arising from the sale the brick house that is now begun to be completed & all of according to what Thompson Hart given and

her Mother then sold said negroes to deceased to my daughter  
Jane W. Henry Equally also one negro girl about four years old  
named Sall sell the said Negro is twenty four years of age & is  
now to my Granddaughter Melinda Potts, a negro girl named Potts.

& pair head of meat cattle about six or two years old.

Item To my Grandson James Knor Potts son of William Potts before  
the plantation between New Line & as much in the State joining this  
tract as will make the tract eight hundred acres with all the  
improvements & appurtenances thereto belonging also one  
Negro woman named Diah one negro man called Step. Some negro  
boy, cattle & hogs His father to have the use of said Negroes till he  
is twenty one years of age +

Item To William Potts I bequeath all the remainder of the land in  
Soc. the Carolina Except the Tract my Brother Robert Knor lives on  
where he is to hold during his life & then to descend to William Potts  
except a tract joining Richard Springs on the Millstone branch &  
Clem's branch, And that Tract I bequeath to my Grandson Stephen  
Potts one half of said tract is given Knor & the less in the name  
of mine & John Potts son of George Potts one tract of land joining  
the lines of Rev? Robeson, John Price, Mr. McRae, Joseph Blackwell  
William Ferguson, Robert C. French. about one hundred & Twenty  
eight acres, & one piece of land that Gordon lived on & a small tract  
joining Widess Neely, James Poole, Cap't Heath & two warrants in  
the hands of the County Surveyor & the last mentioned land I be  
queath to my Executors herein after named to be sold & the money  
arising from the sale to be equally divided among my grand  
children above named & my two still living children my two  
wagges my Grand, my second, & all Horses & meat cattle, Hogs & sheep  
not mentioned & all the necessary utensils to be sold & the money  
arising from the sale, the brick house that is now begun to be  
erected at Lode & cost of according to what Thompson Hartgreen and  
Charles Wright has agreed to do it for said house to be twenty feet  
high above the ground & chimney's and all the money arising  
from the sale & all notes bonds & book debts after said building is  
completed & the money in the hand of my Executors to be equally di-

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among my Grandchildren & part to legacy for them, child to my brother  
James Ken Samuel Knowlton I bequeath one by name being house two years old  
& to Samuel & son Potts my grandson I bequeath one tract of land  
joining Samuel Calhoun & my bro & Son Samuel Nellys line about  
Thirty acres - The grain in the ground after last harvest generally falls  
off on the mountain side of my hill as he sold at the discretion of my  
executors my Smith Tools Harness leather & saddle furniture & all  
other horses & leather & what leather can be spared to cover & fastening  
to be sold & the money to be divided as above directed - And have  
all my wearing apparel to be equally divided between my other  
Matthew Knowlton & David Knowlton I bequeath the plantation that is between  
David & me I bequeath him my half of it and I bequeath  
James Fagot my best Hat - And I do hereby for ever Ratify &  
confirm all Gifts Bequests & Legacies by me formerly granted and  
I appoint & constitute my beloved wife Mary Knowlton my Executrix  
& William Potts & James Fagot my Executors to see this my last  
will & Testament faithfully carried out & do hereby nominate all  
the Will & Testimony Testament & Testimony - In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand & seal the 5th day of May 1794  
Signed Sealed & pronounced in the

presence of

James F Gordon }  
Joseph Knowlton }  
George Potts }

Samuel Knowlton

In the Name of God Amen. The 26<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our  
Lord 1800 I called when know of the County of New Hanover State of No  
Carolina being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory  
thankful to God for the same, do make & execute this my last will & Testament & provide  
justly & first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God that guard  
my body to be buried in a Christian like & decent Manner, nothing  
doubting but I shall receive the same agreeably the mighty power  
of God; And as touching such worldly estate wherein it hath been  
pleased God to bless me in this life I give & bequeath of the same in