

In the name of God Amen, I William Brown, being weak in body but
of sound mind memory & judgment & calling to mind the mortality of
my body & that it is appointed for all men to die do make uppon
& confirm this my last will & testament, and first I appoint that my
body be buried at the discretion of my heire with a decent & Christian
burial, I make & recommend my soul to God that gave it being
in hope of his glorious resurrection with my body at the day of final
Judgment. And next I will & appoint that all my lawfull debts
shall be paid. - And next I will & bequeath unto my loving
wife Margaret Brown that she shall live during her life time on
this part of my land now live on & that she enjoy all the benefit
during on & from the same as far as the dividing line of the same
I bought of John McNeill. And also, I also will & appoint that
my said wife for the support of herself & my three younger daugh-
ters Elizabeth, Mary & Elizabeth until they come of age, I also
will & appoint that all my house hold furniture of every kind
with all my horses, cattle, sheep, swine & stock of every kind the
main in her hand, also with all my farming utensils & all others
of every sort & kind for the blessed uses & benefit providing that
she my said wife pay all my debts except what I owe to John McNeill
Alexander, & two of my cows one black & white & the other with
her spring calf & one red cow with her calf which I will and
bequeath to my loving daughter Margaret Brown - And I will
unto my son William Brown this land & live on at his mothers
death - And next I will & appoint that my son David Brown
shall have all that part of my land I bought from John McNeill
upon conditions that he pay John McNeill Alexander the one half of the
debt I now owe him or shall be due him on my bond when
by them paid, & I also will & appoint my son William Brown in
like manner pay the said John McNeill Alexander the other part of the
debt of the land now lent to him & I also will & appoint that my
two sons David & William Brown pay unto my son John Brown
the sum & each out of the value of their lands I have given them & the
aid of his wife from my disease & that I will appoint & ordain
my loving wife Margaret Brown to be the executrix of this my last will
of the said William Brown

body to be buried at the discretion of my wife with a decent Christian
burial, & that I recommend my soul to God that gave it being.
In hope of a glorious resurrection with my body at the day of final
Judgment. And next I will & appoint that all my lawful debts
shall be paid. And next I will & bequeath unto my loving
wife Margaret Brown that she shall live during her life time on
this part of my land I now live on & that she enjoy all the benefit
arising on & from the same as far as the dividing line of the Land
I bought of John McWhorter the land, & I also will & appoint that
my said wife for the support of herself & my three young or daugh-
ters Eliza Heath, Mary & Elizabeth until they come of age, & I also
will & appoint that all my house hold furniture of every kind
with all my horses, cattle, sheep, hogs & stock of every kind be-
main in her hand, also with all my farming utensils & all others
of every sort & kind for the blessed use & benefit providing that
she my said wife pay all my debts except what I owe to John McWhorter
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her spring calf & one red cow with her calf which I will and
bequeath to my loving daughter Margaret Moore. And I will
and my son William Brown this land live on at his mothers
death. And next I will & appoint that my son David Brown
shall have all that part of my land I bought from John McWhorter
upon conditions that he pay John McWhorter the one half of the
Debt I now owe him as shall be due him on my word when
by them paid, & I also will & appoint my son William Brown in
like manner pay the said John McWhorter the other part of the
Debt of the land now lent to him. & I also will & appoint that my
two sons David & William Brown pay unto my son John Brown
the sum of one hundred out of the value of these lands I have given them & the
rest of the same upon my death. And I will appoint & ordain
my loving wife Margaret executrix. My son John Brown executor
of the my last will & testament, having consenting I make make
Void to all intents & purposes all other wills, Testaments, bequestes
heretofore by me made or done in any way or manner as if they
had never been by me made or done.

As I will be paid to my daughter, Rachel Brown five shillings
 signed & sealed & delivered by me this 29th day of October 1796 in the
 presence of the undernamed subscribing witnesses

William Brown
 charged by
 W^m Wilson.

William Brown Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I Ephraim Brown of Mecklenburg County
 in the State of N^o Carolina, being of sound memory & judgment & having the
 free & perfect use of my Reason, but being reduced to a dangerous degree
 of bodily weakness, by disease & infirmity & apprehensive that it may be
 the pleasure of the divine Being to call me from this world by means
 of my present illness, Do for the convenience of my surviving friends
 & for the purpose of better establishing the interest of my beloved daughter
 & my remaining issue think it proper & necessary to make my last
 Will & Testament in manner & form following—

I direct that my body be decently & privately interred at the dis-
 cretion of my executors—

Item I direct that every perishable article of which I shall die possessed
 such as Horses, Cattle, Books &c. be sold to the best Advantage, after my
 funeral charges & other legal debts are paid & give & devise & bequeath
 all the residue of my Estate both real & personal unto my beloved
 daughter Rachel Brown to sell her self and Industries—

I also request I direct my executors either to build or repair the
 buildings on the improved lot in Charlotte so as to render them ten-
 antable as shall appear to them to be of most advantage to my sur-
 viving child, & in order to enable them to make such repairs the
 unimproved lot if found necessary may be sold & the proceeds
 of such sale be applied for that purpose—

The executors will continue the Negroes in the present service or
 hire them out, as will best promote the interest of the infant.

I request that my executors would take all prudent care to have
 my said Daughter decently, usefully & especially educated, rather
 in the family where she now lives or in such other family as the said
 executors may see proper for her Education. I further