

Feeling conscious that, from my present condition of health, I cannot, in all human probability, have my life very much prolonged, and placing my trust in the mercy of God, whenever it shall please him to call me hence, I do make this my last will and testament in regard to the disposition of the property I may leave, revoking all former wills.

I wish all just claims upon me, to be paid as soon as practicable.

I wish to be buried eventually at Carvers Creek Church near my deceased wives graves.

I give to my daughter Mary Lyman one feather bed, one mattress, one bolster, two pillows, the bedstead I use, the large bureau in my room, the large arm chair in the hall, my carpet bag, the large silver ladle, the fruit basket, the white mar. scilles quilt, the six newest silver table spoons, the black leather trunk marked "Brown", and two of the best blankets.

I give to Eunice all my silver ware except the above, one bedstead, one feather bed, ~~one~~ the green chair that was my mothers, one

the photographic ^{likeness} of her step-mother, mattress, the work stand that was her mothers, one bureau and the black leather trunk. All or any of these articles, except silver ware, the likenesses and the work table, they may sell or retain as they may choose - in consultation with my Executors.

I give to John the china bowl that was my mothers.

I give to Thomas one hundred dollars in cash, if I shall leave any on hand.

I give to Edward the same amount, on same condition.

I give to Aea same amount, on same condition; also the remaining black leather trunks, and my silver watch.

My books, or such of them as they may wish, may be divided, each one having about an equal value, and in case two or more should wish the same book, to be determined by drawing lots, and the same in regard to pictures. All left of each to be sold.

All the household, kitchen, and office furniture, not herein disposed of, to be sold at Public Auction.

All the rest of what property I may leave, of every description, I devise to my children in equal parts and values, with the proviso that the support of Mary Lyman and Eunice shall be out of the estate generally, as long as they or either of them shall remain single, but in the event of the marriage of either, then the one marrying to share alike in the property with the others.

I recommend that there be no general division of property until Aea shall be eighteen years of age.

The horse and remaining negroes may be sold or hired out, as my Executors may deem best.

In the disposal of bonds and stocks it should be not

according to the face value, but according to their relative value in interest, as the interest on them is variant.

I appoint my son John K. Brown, and Thomas C. Brown Executors of this my last will & testament.

Wilmington. February 11 1864.

A. A. Brown

United States internal
revenue stamps, amounting
to two dollars, 82⁵/₁₀₀
A. S. H. & Clerk
Decem. Term 1865.

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court, Decem^r: Term. 1865.

This paper writing without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the last will and testament of Asa A. Brown, deceased, is exhibited in open Court by John K. Brown one of the Executors therein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of James C. Brown, that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said Asa A. Brown after his death: and it is further proved by the oath and examinations of two competent and credible witnesses, to wit: James C. Brown and William K. Eppitt that they are acquainted with the hand writing of the said Asa A. Brown, having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said Asa A. Brown, subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof, are in the handwriting of the said Asa A. Brown. And it is further proved by the evidence of the two last mentioned witnesses, that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Asa A. Brown. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said A. A. Brown and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. At the same time, John K. Brown, one of the Executors therein named, appeared and was duly qualified as such.

Teste.

Dood & Clerk.