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I, Daniel Bourdeaux of the County of New
Hanover and State of North Carolina, being of
sound mind and memory, blessed be God, do make
and publish this my Last Will and Testament.
First I direct that my body be decently interred, and
that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding
with my Estate and situation in life, and as to such
worldly Estate as it has pleased God to intrust me
with, I dispose of as follows. First, I direct that
all of my just debts be paid by my Executor, as soon
after my decease as can be done. I give and bequeath
to my son Anthony D. Bourdeaux all my land in
the above named State and County. I also give
to him my old negro woman Dolly, to be taken care
of by him so long as she lives. It is my Will that
my Executor sell all of my property of every description
except my negroes, including my rail-road stock, to
pay my debts, and after my debts is paid, I wish
all the ballance, together with my negroes, to be divided
between my three Daughters. Thankful m. J. Mathis,
Margaret P. Bunting and Hannah A. Hansley, it is
my will that my Daughter Hannah A. Hansley, have
two hundred dollars more than my other two Daughters
in order to make her share equal with the other two
Daughters. Thankful and Margaret as I have advan-
ced two hundred dollars to each of them the share of
Property I leave to my two Daughters, Margaret P.
Bunting and Hannah A. Hansley, I leave to them
and the lawful heirs of their body.

I leave my next Friend Aaron M. Lamb, my
Executor of this my last will and testament. In
witness whereof, I, Daniel Bourdeaux hath hereunto
set my hand and seal this 19th, October 1856.

Signed sealed in the presence
of us, who subscribe as witness
My request of Testament.

M. C. Collins
Daniel J. Bourdeaux

} Daniel Bourdeaux
} Seal
} (Seal)

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court December Term 1855

This paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament, of Daniel Bourdeaux, is exhibited in open Court and offered for probate, and is duly proved by the oath of W. C. Collins & Daniel S. Bourdeaux both the subscribing witnesses thereto & as such, considered by the Court to be and contain the last will and testament of said D. Bourdeaux, and as such sufficient to convey the bequests therein made, and as such ordered to be recorded and filed at the same time. Harrod M. Lamb, appeared in open Court, and was duly qualified according to law

Saml W. Bunting, Clerk.

Approaching my latter end which may be suddenly, being cool, collected, and in the full enjoyment of all my faculties —

I, Robert M. Brown, having attained the age of sixty-eight years, on the 26th day of June, in the year of our Lord, Eighteen hundred and fifty four (1854)

Do hereby proclaim and establish the following as my last will and pleasure for the disposal and distribution of all property of which I may die possessed, as regards my real estate and personal matters — my negroes excepted who are arranged for on a separate and distinct sheet numbered 2.

To proceed — I hereby nominate and appoint my own son, Robert Franklin Brown, my executor to act with discretion and justice with all the power and authority that I would possess if alive.

To commence and have effect promptly — immediately after my death — but not before —

Real Estate all in my own right and free from debt will be found to consist of
That fine block of Brick Buildings, or double stores, on Front street, Wilmington, between Hendersons and Linneys Alley — two stores throught from South to Doors & Windows —