

Drane and James G. Green, that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said Thomas Davis Walker after his death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to wit Henry M. Drane, James G. Green and Stephen D. Wallace that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said Thomas Davis Walker, having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said Thomas Davis Walker, subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof, are in the handwriting of the said Thomas Davis Walker. And it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Thomas Davis Walker. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Thomas D. Walker, and sufficient to convey his property, both real and personal, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. At the same time Mary Vance Walker the Executrix named therein appeared in open Court, and was duly qualified as such according to law.

Jest. Wood, Clerk.

State of North Carolina
Brunswick County

Know all men by these presents, that I Robert J. Brown of the Town of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, State aforesaid, being in right mind, and fully aware of the uncertainty of life. Do make this my last will and testament, hereby cancelling and revoking all former wills or wills which may have been made by me.

First. I direct that all my funeral expenses and that all lawful debts due by me, shall be paid by my Executors, to be hereinafter named.

Second. I hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Athalia, wife of John E. Lippitt, a brindle cow & calf, also an eight day clock, formerly the property of her mother.

Third. I hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Augusta W. Taylor, wife of Matthew P. Taylor, a chestnut horse, called Bob, with the Rockaway and Buggy, together with the harness belonging to each vehicle.

Fourth. I hereby give & bequeath to my daughter Columbia Brown, the rosewood Piano & stools belonging to it.

Fifth. I hereby give & bequeath to my son James M. Brown my gold hunting watch and chain, - all my boats, guns

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hunting and fishing tackle, to be used under the direction of
his guardian to be hereinafter named, also a Cor.
Sixth. I hereby give & bequeath to my children above named
say Athalia, wife of John E. Lippitt, Augusta M. wife of
Matthew P. Taylor, Columbia, and James M. Brown, the
residue of my property of whatever kind or nature, the
income from which to be equally divided between them,
until such time as my Executors, in their judgment, may
deem that the said property can be judiciously and
equally divided between my children, above mentioned.
Seventh. I do hereby name and appoint my sons in law
John E. Lippitt and Matthew P. Taylor, my Executors
to this my last will and testament.
Eighth. I desire that my daughter Columbia may se-
lect her own Guardian, and do hereby name and ap-
point my friend Dr. John V. Meares as guardian for my
son James M. Brown.

R. F. Brown

Signed & sealed in
presence of
Philip Pringle
Robt. G. Rankin

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court, Septem^r Term 1865.

This paper writing, purporting to be the last will and
testament of Robert F. Brown, deceased, is exhibited for probate
in open Court by John E. Lippitt and Matthew P. Taylor
the Executors therein named, and the due execution thereof
by the said Robert F. Brown, is proved by the oath and ex-
amination of Philip Pringle, one of the subscribing witnesses
thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court that the
said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will
and testament of the said Robert F. Brown, and the same
is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the
said John E. Lippitt, and Matthew P. Taylor, executors,
as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath
required by law.

Wood

Clerk County Ct.