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estate, as is not willed to my children, & I acknowledge
this to be my last will & test: revoking all others. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal. This 5th day of
May AD 1796.

Signed, sealed, published &
pronounced in the presence of
John Johnston, Zacharias Allen,
Robert Johnston.

It is my will & desire that the money arising from the
sale of the land, & the debts is due to me, be equally divided
between my wife my daughter Margaret, & my daughter
Martha & that my daughter Francis has no share in the
money above mentioned. Given under my hand this 7th day
of May 1796.

John Johnston, Elizabeth ^{his} Johnston James ^{his} & Borland
Francis Brown. mark.

In the name of God Amen! the 9th of January AD 1799
I will my soul to God & my body to the grave, which being
in a sick state, but in am in my perfect senses, do acknowledge
this to be my last will & test:

1. I allow to sell as much of my property (at will direct
my debts) such as my wife Catharine thinks best she can
dispose of.

I bequeath unto my beloved wife Catharine Bollen, to have
all the rest of my property that's left, after my debts are paid
during her widowhood & then the property to be sold & repaid
divided, amongst the children & after my wife's death the land

to be sold & my two faithful & well beloved sons John
& George, is to have twenty pounds each extraordinary part,
& my well beloved daughter Susannah to have fifteen pounds
& the balance is to be divided equally amongst them & my
son John to come & live on my land till sold, if they cannot
agree in the same house, nor in the same yard or any other
spot of $\frac{1}{2}$ land, And the two bound boys there time is
to be sold with the first property that is sold, & that
Henry Fulwider & my wife to be executors. It's witnessed
my hand & seal in the month & year above mentioned.
Signed & delivered in the presence of
In = Marbury: John Bullins Seal
George Sutton

In the name of God Amen! I Abraham Brown
of the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina being weak
in body but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be to God,
for his great mercy. And understanding the uncertainty
of this life & knowing that it is appointed for all men to die
do make & ordain & publish this to be my last will & test:
in manner & form following. First of all I recommend my
soul into the hands of God who gave it, & my body to the
earth to be buried in a decent christian manner at the dis-
cretion of my executors herein after named.

My will is, that after my death, my personal property
be sold & the money arising therefrom, to pay my funeral charges
& all my just debts, & the remainder to be equally divided
among my wife & five children, Elizabeth, Daniel, Jacob
Henry & Abraham share & share alike.

2. My will is that my beloved wife Mary Brown have the
of the third part of the plantation, where I now live on &
the thirds out of what the mill earns, during her widowhood
or if she remains my widow I then will it to her, during her
natural life, but if my wife Mary should be married again
then my will is that she have only a child's part, as the law
now directs in testators estates. I also lend to my beloved wife
Mary one bed & furniture, one cow & one spinning wheel &
more of her own choosing during her widowhood & no longer
& for the loan of them she is to try to raise three colts for
my three sons Jacob, Henry & Abraham & to give them
to them, as the come of age, & if it should so happen that
the mare should not breed, so that my three sons should not
get them each of them a colt, then my will is that they have
five pounds out of the reasonable estate in behalf of the
colts, & if it should happen that my wife Mary should be
married, then my will is that the bed, cow, spinning wheel &
more that I above have lent to my wife, be sold & the
money arising therefrom to be equally divided, amongst
my wife & five children share & share alike.

3. If I give & bequeath to my beloved son Daniel Brown the
part of the plantation, the old improvement that I now
live on with eighty one acres & two thirds of the land
that is most convenient to the old improvement, only my
son Daniel is to pay to my two sons Henry & Abraham
ten pounds to each of them, as they come of lawfull age
for having the benefit of the clear ground & the improvement
4. If I give & bequeath to my beloved son Jacob the mill &

80 acres of the land, that is the most convenient of them
only my son Jacob is to give the thirds of what the mill earns
to my beloved wife Mary during the time she remains my widow
no longer, then my will is that he keep it to himself after
my wife's marriage & the other two thirds of what the mill
earns before my son Jacob comes of age, is to be kept, to keep
the mill in good repair. My will also is that my son Jacob
pay to my two sons Henry & Abraham twenty five pounds
each of them, as they come of lawfull age, for the benefit
having the mill so that the may have a more equally
divide amongst them.

5. If I give & bequeath to my beloved son Henry eighty
one acres & two thirds of the plantation where I now live on

6. If I give & bequeath to my beloved son Abraham eighty one
acres & two thirds of the plantation where I now live on
I direct my executors to have the severall bequeaths of
the land to my four sons to divide it so they may have
as equally a divide as possible, be that they have the good
land & meadows as equally divided as possible may be.

7. My will is that my daughter Elizabeth should die within
her heir my will then is that they part that she receives to fall
back to my four sons Daniel, Jacob, Henry & Abraham
share & share alike.

8. I nominate & appoint my beloved son Daniel Brown
& my trusty friend Jacob Brougner, executor of this my
will & test: I also nominate & appoint my beloved
trusty friend Peter Brown, as overseer of these my executors
& direct them & assist them, in this my last will & test.

I do hereby revoke all former wills & testaments, heretofore by me made or done, ratifying this & no other to be my last will & test: in witness whereof I have set hereunto my hand & seal this 20th day of February 1795.

Signed, sealed & published,
in the presence of us.

Abraham Brown (Seal)
Peter Lintz (Seal)

In the name of God Amen! I Henry Barkley of County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina being in perfect mind & memory do this 13th day of June in the year 67, make, ordain & publish this my last will & test in the following manner (viz)

I give & bequeath to my son Robert five shillings.
I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary five shillings.
I give & bequeath to my son James my Negro boy named
I give & bequeath to my son John my Negro wench named
I give & bequeath to my son Thomas, that tract of land the
now lies on & thirty pounds in money.
I give & bequeath to my grandson Henry Barkley son to
Robert Barkley five pounds.
I give & bequeath to my grandson James Cowan son to
Thomas Cowan five pounds.
I give & bequeath to my grandson Henry Barkley son to
James Barkley five pounds.
I give & bequeath to my grandson Henry Barkley son
John Barkley five pounds.
I give & bequeath to my grand daughter Polly Barkley
daughter to Thomas Barkley five pounds.

my remaining property, I allow to be sold & equally divided
among my three sons, James, John, & Thomas Barkley.
Lastly, I do nominate & appoint my two sons James & John
Barkley executors of this my last will & test: & I do hereby
ratify & confirm this my last will & test:

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
this 13th day of June 1798.

Signed, sealed, & confirmed
in presence of us
Will^m Kilpatrick, Robt. Kilpatrick, Henry Barkley (Seal)
Mark

In the name of God Amen! I Elijah Philip of
Rowan County & State of N. Carolina, being weak in body
but in perfect mind & memory, thanks be given to almighty
God, calling to mind the mortality of my body, And knowing
that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain
this my last will & test, that is to say principally & first of all
I give & recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God, in
it, & my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent christian
like manner at the discretion of my friends & executors, nothing
doubting, but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same
again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly
estate whereas it had pleased God, to bless me with in this life
I give & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.
1 I will that all my just debts & funeral charges be paid
by my executors.

2 I will that as much of my estate, as may be deemed ne-
cessary for the support of my wife & children for one year
be set apart out of my estate, for their support, to be laid
out by three men whom my wife & executors may appoint.