

In this Tenth Day of May

James Brown of the State of North Carolina and County of ... being sick and weak in Body, but of perfect Mind and Memory blessed be God for his Mercies therefore Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it, so for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executors. And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I do devise and dispose of in the following Manner and Form: Principally & first of all I do allow that all my just Debts and funeral Charges be paid and satisfied. It is my Will and I do allow my son John the plantation I own in his full possession, when he arrives at the Age of twenty one Year, and if this my said son John Brown should die before he comes to the Age of 20 Years, I do allow my plan to go to my eldest Brother George Brown of the Island of ...

My Will and I do order that my beloved Wife Nancy to have my plantation and use it at her Discretion during her natural Life, and also one brown horse and ... My Will and I do order all the Remainder part of my Estate to be divided or bequeathed to be sold and my Wife to have part of the whole Money, and the remaining two parts to be paid out at Interest for the use of my son John when he comes of Age, and the Interest of said Money to be paid

me to my Wife and I do allow my beloved Friends Samuel Brown & Abraham Tilton to be my joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament, ratifying and confirming this my last Will and Testament, disallowing all other former Wills and Testaments Legacies before this by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the Day & Year above written. Signed sealed declared published & pronounced this my last Will and Testament in presence of Margaret P. Gingles, John Henderson, Charles L. Luigley, James O. Brown.  mark

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Brown of the County of ... in the Province of North Carolina being weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory Thanks be given unto God for the Blessing the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally & first of all I give and bequeath my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that gave me my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian Manner, at the Discretion of my Executors, nothing at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I do devise and dispose of in the following Manner and Form: