

State of North Carolina

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Rowan County April 15th 1801.

Know all men by these presents that I John Brandon of the State and County aforesaid being in a low state of health but of a sound mind & memory; calling to mind my mortality. I do hereby order and direct that my worldly affairs or property be disposed of, in the following way & manner (viz)

1.) That all my just debts be paid.

2.) I give and bequeath to my wife Jane Brandon my Negro girl Bet, my bay mare & two of the best of my Cow Stock, with all the household & Kitchen furniture of every kind & that this property be hers & hers only forever, except only that the three first living children of J. Negro girl be the property of my three children Absolon Wm Brandon, Mike Brandon & Elizabeth Brandon & that these three Negro children be given to my three children in the way & at any time that my wife may think proper, & right, before or at least when they (viz) my children shall come to years of age & provided there should be but one living Negro child that it be the property of my daughter Elizabeth.

3.) That all and every part of my estate real & personal remain on the place & in the hands of my family for their common use as it stands during the widowhood of my wife or her natural life. And when an attestation shall take place by the marriage of my wife or death that all and every part of my estate not herein bequeathed or given away; be sold by my Executors & all money's

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arising from said sale to be equally divided among my three children; and that my Executors have power from this my will to make title to any property thus sold.

Lastly I do hereby appoint my Brother Benjamin Brandon and my wife's brother John Knox together with my wife as the Executors of this my last will & testament, & I do hereby revoke & disannul all & every other will or wills or Executors made or appointed before, confirming this only as my last will & testament; in witness where of I have hereunto my hand and seal the day & date above written.

Signed sealed delivered
in the presence of

Th. Kilpatrick Esq.
William Knox.
W. m. Brandon.

John Brandon (Seal)

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