

Dollars or the land also I with my son William Sinkers
one hundred fifty Dollars to be paid when Marthe
Sinkers part is sold and if he see cause by me here
on her part of the land as long as she remains a widow.
also I leave my Daughters Elizabeth Christmas five
shillings and also Nancy Fuller five shillings.
I also will leave them the sons of David Men deceased
one Negro girl named Tanny. In witness where of
I the Jesse Sinkers have to this my last will and
Testament set my hand and seal the Day and year
above mentioned.

Declared, subscribed, published,
and sealed, delivered by the said
Test: as his last will & testament.
in the presence of

Jesse Sinkers
Mark Seal

John Samon
Ezekiel L. Smith.
Mark

hereby make and ordain my son Joel Sinkers and
David Shellen Executors of this my last will
and Testament.

In the name of God Amen. I Michael Brown of
Rowan County in the State of North Carolina Do make
and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner
and form following, to wit.
First. My will and desire is that all my Just debts shall
be paid out of my Estate as soon as may be after my
decease.
Secondly I leave to my beloved wife Eleanor Brown the
Stone house with the out houses and plantation and
one third of the land where I now live during her natural
life; and the use for five years after my decease, of
the bottom land which I cleared on the tract Willed to
my son James Brown. I also give to my said wife
the bed and furniture called my bed, and one bay mare,
saddle and bridle to her own use and as her own property;
And I have unto my said wife the mulatto girl Betsey
for ten years after my decease; at the expiration of
which time the said girl Betsey is to be sold and the money
divided among my lawful heirs.
Thirdly. I give and bequeath unto my son David Brown
the tract of land on which the Stone house stands, where
I now live, and another tract of thirty acres adjoining
the same, to him and his heirs, forever, subject to
the life Estate in part of the said land, already given
to my wife.
Fourthly. I give and bequeath unto my son James Brown
one half of my tract of land called Dunn's place,
whereon he now lives, to him & his heirs forever.
Fifthly I give and bequeath unto my son Jeremiah Brown

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the houses and lot of land in Salisbury where I formerly lived, after his paying to my beloved wife the sum of One hundred silver Dollars to her own use. Then the said houses and lot to be the property of the said Jeremiah Brown and his heirs forever.

Sixthly. I give and bequeath unto my son Moses Brown the one other half of my tract of land called Dunston, whereon he now lives, to him and his heirs forever.

Seventhly I give and bequeath unto my wives two daughters Sally Ruess and Nancy Ruess, in consideration of their dutiful conduct to me, my two lots and houses in Salisbury now occupied by Mr. Balfour and John. H. P. May, called Dunston lots; to the said Sally Ruess and Nancy Ruess their heirs and assigns forever; to be held by them as tenants in common and not as joint tenants.

Eighthly If my beloved wife Eleanor Brown shall be delivered of a lawful child to me, of which she may now be enscant, my will is and I give and bequeath unto the said child a mulatto girl called Emily child of Betsey and also the sum of Five hundred silver Dollars, to be paid out of my Estate and I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Montfort Stokes to be guardian of the said child which may be born to me hereafter, and to superintend the Education thereof after my decease.

Ninthly My will and desire is that all the rest of residue of my Estate both real and personal not heretofore

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demised and given away shall be sold (and the money arising by my Executors' after my death) therefrom to be equally divided amongst all my children and my beloved wife & Eleanor share and share equally and alike. - And I hereby authorize my Executors to execute good and sufficient Deeds of conveyance for the property to be sold, and to vend the purchasers thereof in a fee simple Estate in the name hereby bequeathing to my said Executors the said residuary real Estate for the purposes expressed in this clause of my will.

Tenthly and lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my sons Peter Brown, Moses Brown and James Brown and Mr. Joseph Pearson to be Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all every other will by me therefore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of October in the year of our Lord 1807.

Signed, sealed, published

and declared to be the last

will and testament of Michael

Brown in the presence of us who

have severally attested the same as Witnesses.

David. D. Smith.

M. Procter.

Michael Brown

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In the name of God Amen I Matthias Scudder
of the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina
being weak of body but in perfect mind and memory
perceived be God to constitute this my last will and Testa-
ment and desire it to be received by all as such.
In witness whereof I humble bequeath my soul to God my maker,
beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it through
the all sufficient merits and intercessions of my most
compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ who gave himself
to be an atonement for my sins and is able to save to
the uttermost all that come unto God by him seeing he
ever liveth to make intercession for them and who I trust
will not reject me a returning penitent sinner when
I come to him for mercy. In this hope and confidence
I commend up my soul comforted humbly beseeching me
most blessed and glorious Trinity on God most holy
most merciful and gracious to prepare me for the
time of my dissolution and then to take me to himself
into that peace and rest and incomparable which he
has prepared for those that love and fear his holy Name
Amen. Aligned be God ita. I give my body to the earth
from whence it was taken in full assurance of its
resurrection from thence at the last day as for my
Burial, I desire it may be decent without pomp or
State at the discretion of my dear wife whom I also
appoint and Executor of this my last will and
Testament, who I doubt not will manage it with
all requisite prudence. As to my worldly Estate I will

and positively order that all my debts be paid. Then I
to my two sons Abner Scudder and Isaac Scudder five
shilling sterling a piece Secondly I give to my four
daughters five shilling a piece of my said like money
Thirdly I give unto my son Henry Scudder Seventy
Pounds current Money of North Carolina Fourthly and
lastly I give will and bequeath to my beloved wife
Elizabeth Scudder all the rest of my Inmoveable Estate
property and possession for ever to be at her disposal
to whomsoever she shall mind fit. and I do hereby utterly
disannul and revoke all other wills and Testaments or
Legacies by me and made heretofore, ratifying and
confirming this and no other to be my last will and
Testament in witness whereunto I set my hand and
seal this second Day of October in the year of our
Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety One
Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of:

Richard Pike Junr.
David Stillwell

Matthias Scudder 

