

children, I do hereby constitute & appoint George Fisher, my executor to this my last will & test, revoking all other wills, gifts or bequests by me made or intended to be made in any wise, satisfying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & test: in witness whereof I the said Andrew Brown have hereunto set my hand & seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1804.

Andrew Brown

Signed, sealed & published in the presence of us who were present the same time.

A. Moore, Ewald Wetherow

In the name of God Amen! I Jesse Bradley of the County of Rowan & State of N<sup>o</sup>. Carolina being in a low State of health of body but not defect in mind or memory thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body & 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 recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it & my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian manner, not doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty power of God, & as touching such worldly estate wherewith, it had pleased God to bless me I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner  
1<sup>st</sup> I give to my beloved wife Susanna Bradley, whom I likewise constitute make & ordain the sole executrix of this my last will & test all & singular my lands & tenements together with all my moveable property, to be possessed &

enjoyed by her during her natural life, provided never theless I now will that my son David Bradley shall have one day coll about four months old, & all the rest, lands & moveables, to remain in her possession, during her natural life & after her death I will that my son David Bradley, shall have all my lands and improvements & what may still remain of my household furniture or any other property, I will & ordain shall be equally divided between Mary Bradley & Ruth Bradley & Susanna Bradley & Precilla, Sarah & Lucinda Bradley, And I do hereby acknowledge this & no other to be my last will & test. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1807.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared Jesse Bradley  
by the sd. Jesse Bradley in presence of  
Richard Leach Gadock Leach.

In the name of God Amen! This 20<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1804  
I Samuel Barkley being in a sick & low condition of body, but of sound mind & memory & calling to mind, the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make & declare this my last will & test: in manner & form following.  
1<sup>st</sup> I will & bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Mary Barkley, her living out of the profits of the plantation I now live on, with the use of all my personable property while she remains my widow & further, it is my will, that if any of my children, when of age should incline to take a way of living separate from her, that she shall distribute

to them agreeable to her abilities.

2. I will & bequeath unto my dearly beloved sons John & Samuel Barkley my plantation to be equally divided between them, when come to the years of twenty one & the one that gets the improvements, to have the incumbrance of my widow, while she remains unmarried. I further will that my sons John & Samuel Barkley when 18 years of age shall be put to some trade that they themselves shall choose. And I do hereby make & ordain my beloved wife & my brother John Barkley sole executors of this my last will & test. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above mentioned.

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of us.

Matthew Swan, Thomas Swan.

In the name of the almighty & merciful God Amen! I Henry Bruner of Rowan County & North Carolina Gunsmith, being sick in body, but of perfect sound senses & memory, thanks be to God for the same, calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die. I do for the purpose of disposing all my worldly estate, whereunto the almighty God had blessed me, in this life, & to settle all my concerns, with each & every person in a just & fair manner, do make & ordain this to be my last will & test, in the following manner & form. I recommend my soul to God, who gave it, & my body to the

earth to be buried in a decent manner, & desire that all my just debts be paid, & also my funeral charges.

1. It is my will that my well beloved wife Catharina, shall have & peaceable possession of my dwelling houses & all other buildings, together with one third of my lands during her widowhood or while she remains my widow, & I will that she retain & keep in her possession two horses & geese, ploughs & plantation tools, so as she may want on the said plantation. She may also keep my Negro Dave & his wife ~~shall~~, she may also retain & keep in her possession, any household furniture to me belonging, my waggon, & three cows & calves all of which articles above mentioned I mean for her use & support & my children during the time she remains my widow but in case she will marry again I do direct that all the above mentioned articles left to her use, may be sold, & that each of them be intitled & have & hold share which I give unto her for ever & I do further give & bequeath unto my wife Catharina for ever to bed & furniture belonging to it, her chest & spinning wheel. It is my will & I do direct that my after named executors shall sell such part of my estate, as my wife may not retain, & such of my negroes as I have not particularly mentioned at any time after my decease, as they may think proper.

It is my will that my three sons, to wit: Jacob, Henry & Philip or either of them may have the privilege to settle & live on any part of my land or as not to incumber my wife & after my wife's decease or intermarriage