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In the name of God Amen. I William Brown of Rowan County & State of N. Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind & memory, blessed be God do this 15 day of January AD 1887 make & publish this my last will & testament, in manner following that is to say first I bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Brown one half of my estate, ten pounds I bequeath to purchase bibles for my grand children, to my son Robert Brown, son William I bequeath three pounds, to my son David Browns son John, I bequeath three pounds, to my son, William & Robert I leave my wearing clothes, my hat, saddle & silver buttons I bequeath to my son David, son William. To my sons George Browns daughter Edith I bequeath two pounds, to my son Davids son George I bequeath one pound ten shillings, likewise Hugh his brother I bequeath one pound ten shilling, the remainder of my estate, I leave to be divided between my two daughters viz. Jane Ervin & Isabella Ervin equally. William Brown & Elizabeth Cupples I have sent hard money. I the do not return it in specie their children is to get no bibles. The part of my estate I leave to my two daughters I allow to be divided by John Dickey & James Huggins Jun. And I make constitute my son Robert Brown & my step son Hugh Gray to be my executors. In witness whereof I have to this my last will & test set my hand & seal in the year above written signed & sealed in presence of

Thomas Huey,
James Huggins jun

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Wm & Brown (seal)
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In the name of God Amen I George Bruner of the County Rowan & State of N. Carolina being weak & frail of body but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be to God for it calling to mind the mortality & knowing, it is appointed unto all men once to die do make & ordain this my last will & testament - That is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into almighty God who gave it & my body. I recommend to the earth to be interred in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors as touching such worldly estate wherewith it had pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & dispose of in the following manner & form - And first of all my will is that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid out of my personal estate.

Imprimis I give & bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Barbara Bruner the one third part of all my estate both real & personal at her own discretion, two negroes at her own choosing, a feather bed & furniture, one spinning wheel, one cow & calf, her choice of all my horse creature & her saddle & bridle over & above the third part during her life & at her death to dispose of the same as her prudence may direct - And if she should marry again then the two thirds of her part is to be divided equally among my children.

I give & bequeath to my son Dr. Bruner the other two thirds of my estate real to him & his heirs for ever. After paying the sum of one hundred & fifty pounds currency to my other four children viz. Mary Smith, Barbara, Letitia Susanna Brown & to Mary McLartys Children that is