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I John Davis being in a low state of health but of sound mind & memory do make this my last will & testament in form & manner following. That is, I first give & bequeath unto my beloved wife all my personal estate after settling & paying all my just debts for the sole use & meaning of raising & schooling the Children the own support & it is further my desire that she my wife will give to each of my Children as the come of age a share in what she reasonably or equitably can spare & I further give to her my wife the plantation whereon I now live to dispose of as she may see fit to her own benefit & the Children as long as she liveth & at her death to be ^{equally} divided amongst all my Children except a leaving out my son John & William which I secondly give unto my said son John & William what is called white place which I count 120 acres to be equally divided between in quantity & equality as soon as my son William comes of age still allowing my son John as soon as he comes of age to have the whole use & benefit of said land till such time as my son William comes of age & lastly I appoint ^{& nominate} my brother William Davis & my wife Mary as executors to my estate.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 12th day of Nov^r in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

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Signed sealed & acknowledged in presence of John Davis (Seal)
John Davis
John Davis
John Davis

Notar County September term 1807.

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The execution of the last will & testament of John Davis du^d of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open court by James Davis a subscribing witness thereto & ordered to be recorded. Done according

Robt Williams Ck
J. H. T. Armstrong D.C.

In the name of God amen.

I Elizabeth Brown of Notar County State of North Carolina being very weak & infirm in body but of perfect mind & sound memory do this thirtieth third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eleven make and ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner & form following

As my estate (or then & when possession my estate is) reside in Bohemia Manor State of Maryland from which State I have been about upwards of thirty years I deem it therefore necessary and expedient here to give an account of my Pedigree in order that my heir may be enabled in an easy & convenient manner on whom he must call or in other words those who may hold my estate, of the identity of my person & prevent disputes from arising from that quarter.

My Pedigree as follows viz. I am Daughter to Michael Nide who lived & died in Bohemia Manor about two miles from the Manor Church my father's Children were named as follows viz. the Elizabeth Nide Mary Nide Daniel Nide Catharine Nide John Nide Swanson Nide Nancy Nide Sarah Nide myself viz. Elizabeth Nide and Jacob Nide These are the names of my father's family. After the Death of my father my Mother married a certain Jacob Gier who at his decease bequeathed her a considerable estate which estate my Mother willed to my Sisters Nancy Catharine & myself My brother John Nide wrote to myself & Sisters to come & receive the said estate but I never went with them did I never empower any person to obtain it for me.

I was married in Bohemia Manor Cecil County & State of Maryland to Benjamin Elsbury son of Frederick Elsbury of the said County & State. After the decease of my said husband I removed to York County State of Pennsylvania where I was again married to Christian Brown with whom I removed to the State of North Carolina where I still remain.

four years ago my said husband viz. Christian Brown deserted me thus taken up with another woman & I was left without any person to take care of me in my feeble aged & infirm state in this forsaken forsaken & distressed situation I came to Jacob Miller of Stokes County State of North Carolina (my sister Nancy's son) where I still remain said Jacob Miller together with his family have been & continues to be very tender of me and has showed me much kindness which has induced me to make this my last will & Testament as follows to wit: I give and bequeath unto Jacob Miller of Stokes County State of North Carolina (my sister Nancy's son) all my estate in the State of Maryland or elsewhere to him & his heirs forever. I do hereby constitute nominate & appoint him the said Jacob Miller executor of this my last will & Testament & I do hereby utterly disavow disannul & make void all former wills & Testaments by me or any time hereafter made ratifying & confirming & establishing this the other to be my last will & Testament. Elizabeth Brown

Legally declared published pronounced by the testator Elizabeth Brown in her last will & Testament in presence of us the subscribing witnesses who were present at the time of the signing & sealing thereof.

Arch^d Campbell } Jurant
Samuel Phillips }

Stokes County September term 1807 The execution of the last will & Testament of Elizabeth Brown dec'd of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by Arch^d Campbell & Samuel Phillips & ordered to be recorded Rob^t Williams Ck

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