

I Thomas Brown of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner & form following, that is to say:

First. That my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations & friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever & to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item. I give & devise to my beloved wife Catherine the tract of Land & wood live on known as the Charles Evans tract. Also a small tract I purchased of James Davis lying on the North side of the Evans tract including my mansion house, all out houses, & other improvements to have & to hold to her the said Catherine for during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for & in lieu of her dower & thirds of & in all my real estate.

Item. I give fifty dollars to my grand children, the children of my eldest daughter Polly & her husband John Iron, which together with the advancements their mother had from me at the time he married and sundry advancements since that time will make more than a fair & equitable portion according to the value of my estate, to them and only.

Item. I give & bequeath to said beloved wife Catherine one negro man named Jack one horse one cow her choice two beds her choice house hold & kitchen furniture to be to her use during her natural life then to be disposed of as the rest of my estate the crop that may be on hand at my death to be to her use.

Item. My will & desire is that all the residue of my estate after taking out the devises & legacies above mentioned shall be sold & the debt owing to me collected & the money arise therefrom to be equally divided & paid over to my seven daughters in manner & form following, to my daughter Elizabeth Thomas one seventh part with one hundred & seventy five dollars worth of land heretofore advanced to her. To my daughter Catherine Rademan one seventh part with fifty dollars advanced to her heretofore. To my daughter Tabby James one seventh part with two hundred dollars advanced heretofore.

To my daughter Lucy Padget one seventh part with two hundred dollars worth of land heretofore advanced to her. To my daughter Catherine Covington one seventh with fifty dollars advanced to her heretofore. To my daughter Sally Smith one seventh part. To my daughter Nancy one seventh part. The advancement made to my daughters to be a part of their proportionable part of my estate. The above devise to be to the use of my daughters & their representatives for ever. And lastly, I do hereby constitute & appoint my truly friend Samuel Patton Sen. my lawful Executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & Testament according to true intent and meaning of the same & every part & clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills & testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Thomas Brown do hereunto set my hand & seal this the 3^d day of November 1848.

Signed, sealed published & declared by the said Thomas Brown to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

George Neal
Jesse Neal

his
Thomas Brown (Seal)
mark

December Term 1850.

The execution of the last will and Testament of Thomas Brown deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved and sworn to by the oath of George Neal one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

M^o Hill. ccc.