The Last Will and Testament of Philemon Evans Senior Made this 21st Day of April 1786 as follows I Philemon Evans Senior do in the first place give and Bequeath to Loving Wife Elizabeth the Whole of Estate Real and Personal During the term of her Natural life and at the End of that Estate it is my Will and Give and Bequeath to my son Philemon my Negro Boy Will to him his Heirs or Assigns forever And I give and Bequeath to my Son Aaron my Smart Negro Girl named Millie to him his Heirs or Assigns forever and at the Death of my Wife Elizabeth it is my Will and Desire that my Negro Wench Lydia should have the Liberty of Choosing her master and that she and her Children she may then have Except Millie that is already Bequeathed to my son Aaron should be sold by Executors or the Survivor of them at Private sale to the man he said Lydia shall choose for him Master at such Price as the man shall think in Equity and Good Conscience the said Negro or Negroes may then be worth But in Case the Executor or Executors should be Dead then the said Negro or Negroes to be sold by my man Master Legatee that is to Receive the Money arising from said Sale shall hire in Case the man the said Lydia Choose shall be able to hire her and in that Case she must Choose one that can hire her and what Children she may then have and it is my Will and Desire that the Price arising from the Sale of my Negro Lydia should be paid to my Daughter Rachel and the Price arising from the Sale of said the said Lydia now has named Luna should be paid to my son William I Likewise give and Bequeath to my son Jesse Branch the sum of five Shillings I also give and Bequeath to my son James [redacted] the sum of five Shillings and no more as they have already had their share and I do give and Bequeath to my Daughter Aaron Negro Wench Sarah Hewlston and her Children the said Sarah Now has while it is my Desire the said Price Received to my Daughter Aaron should at my Death pass to my Daughter Rachel the full value of said Child and my Stock and Movables I leave to the Discretion of my Wife at her Death And I do hereby nominate and appoint my Trusty friends John Brown and John Lovelace my whole and sole Executors Revoking all former Wills Legacies and Bequests Heretofore made and Ratifying this to be my Last Will and Testament Given under my hand and seal the Day and year above Written In presence of

Thomas Swinson
John Lovelace Senr
Jno Lovelace Junr

Philemon his mark Evans (Seal)

(Note on the Back)

State of North Carolina
Wilkes County } July Term 1786
This will was Duly Proved in Court to be the Last Will of Philemon Evans by the Oath of Richard Allen William Gates & Jacob Gates the Witnesses thereto Subscribed
Test Wm Smith C.C.

Richd Allen
William his mark Gates
Jacob his mark Gates

Know all men by these presents that I Gabriel Brown Gave Bargained sold and Delivered and do Hannah Brown one Negro Wench Name Silva for the full and just sum of Fifty Pounds North Carolina Currency only my wife Hannah Brown is to have the use of the said Wench During of her life and the said Hannah Brown is to have all the Future Increase of the said Negro Wench Silva to her and hers for ever and I do Hereby warrant and defend the said Wench from any Person or Persons that shall Sue any Just Claim or Title thereunto in witness my Hand and Seal this seventh Day of June 1777

Gabriel Brown (Seal)

William Terrell Lewis Senr
William T. Lewis Junr

(Note on the Back)

Received of Hannah Brown fifty Pounds North Carolina Currency it being in full for the payment of the within Negro wench Silva I say Received for me ——— Gabriel Brown
June the 2nd 1790
Test
William Terrell Lewis Senr
William T. Lewis Junr

State of North Carolina } Hannah Brown Dequer and promise that I will not take away nor Molest the within named Negro Silvas till after the Death of my Grandfather Gabriel Brown
Witness John Dare
Hannah her mark Brown

State of North Carolina
Wilkes County } July Term 1786
The within Bill of Sale was Duly Proved in Open Court by the Oath of William T. Lewis Esqr a Subscribing Witness thereto and Ordered to be Recorded Test
Geo. Shanley C.C.
By Wm Lewis D.C.C.

Bill of Sale Sent to Hannah Brown a Negro Wench
931 on 26th C.N.T. 1788 Wm Lewis