

WILL OF

ELIJAH BROWNE

In the name of God Amen.

I Elijah Browne being in bad health but of a Sound mind and in the full enjoyment of my reason and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death have thought proper to make this my last will and testament hereby revokeing all others made by me prior to this-----

1<sup>st</sup> I bequeath my soul to god who gave it and my boddy to the Dust from whence it was taken.

2<sup>nd</sup> it is my will that my Just Debts together with my funeral expences be paid.

3<sup>rd</sup> I do hereby bequeath to my beloved wife Sally the following property (Viz) all my Tract of Land all my Stock of horses hogs Cattle and Sheep together with all my household and kitchen furniture with my three negroes Barney Dover & Silvy with hir increase to have the same during hir natural life or widowhood at the expiration of which the property is to be *sold* *and the proceeds to be equally* divided between my Children by hir-----Subject however, in case of mismanagement (that is) the personal property to the controul of my executors or a Majority of them hereinafter appointed to be disposed of as they may think most advantageous for my heirs---

4<sup>th</sup> I do hereby bequeath to my Grand Daughter Kitty Carpenter my negro girl Milley (now in the pofsefsion of my Daughter Selina in the State of Tennessee) about five years old-- on condition that She does not get one of hir Mothers estate when hir brothers come of age the other negroes in Tennessee to remain as they are Subject to the contract now existing between Selina Browne and myself

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5<sup>th</sup> I do hereby appoint my much respected friends George Manning Esqr Elisha McPherson and Col<sup>l</sup> Amaziah Rice my true and lawful Executors to carry into <sup>ff</sup> ~~effect~~ this my Last will and testament and all rights and titles made by them in and about the executing of this my Last Will and testament to be bonna fide to all intents and purposes-----

6<sup>th</sup> I do farther bequeath to my wife all the plantation tools and all things pertaining in any way to the house of farm--

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Signed in the presence of this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight and in the fifty Second year of the Independance of the United States of America.

Whitefield Anthony

Er Browne (SEAL)

W<sup>m</sup> Magee

Thomas Taylor

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Proved March 21, 1836

John Harris, O. A. D.

Roll No. 43

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(Viz) haveing purchased one waggon Since the ratification of Said will it is hereby given to my beloved wife Sally in the same maner as my other personal property as named in my will One gold Broach I hereby bequeath to my son Sidi H Browne- One pair of Silver knee buckles to Elijah Son of Jonathan Browne It is my will that my Executors out of the Estate Cause my four youngest Children to receive a tolerable good English Education and that they cause my son Sidi Hamet to be taught the English Grammer Geography Mathematics and the art of Surveying and that he be boarded ( if necefsary ) out of the estate-

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three remaining negroes (Subject to Kitty Carpenters Claim as named in my aforesaid will) to be left in trust with Darius Q and Jonathan Browne for the Benefit of Such of their Brothers as have not received an equal part of the property acquired by their mother

having Selected a Spot of ground back of my potatoe patch for a family burrying ground it is my will that when I die I should be buried beside my child allready buried thare and that if ever the Land should be Sold that one half acre round Said grave be reserved as Sacred and enviolable and that my grave should be covered over so as to prevent rain falling on it and that my coffin be Laid on Sticks of durable wood to prevent its touching the ground and pailings kept up round Said grave from time to time at the expense of the Estate

Signed & Sealed this \_\_\_\_\_ E Browne (SEAL)

Second day of May

one thousand eight hundred

and thirty

in presence of

James Gunnin

Robt. A. Harpings

Elizabeth her X Welch  
mark

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