

The last will & testament of James Browne P. P. 11.

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 I, James Browne of the Parish of St. George in the County of Wingard being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thank be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye do make and ordaine this my last will & testament that is to say, I give fully and lawfully I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner nothing doubting but I shall receive the same againe at the generall resurrection by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this my last device and dispose of the same in manner & forme following: I bequeath that all my just and lawfull debts be paid. Item I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Browne all the neat & goodly lands of my plantation during the space of two years in full of her life as in my petition to my estate either real or personal reserving to my executors one year and every of my children as is hereafter mentioned. I bequeath and bequeath to my eldest son John Browne at the age of twenty years one third part of all my lands and to be the sole front that shall have the custody of my cattle horses hogs sheep &c and one sixth part of all my slaves. Item I give and bequeath to my second son William Browne at the age of twenty years one third part of all my lands (to the advantage of my eldest sons proportion) as also one third of my cattle horses hogs sheep and one sixth part of all my slaves. Item I give and bequeath to my youngest son Thomas Browne at the age of twenty years one third part of all my lands (to the use of my son William proportion) as also one third of my cattle horses hogs sheep &c and one sixth part of all my slaves. Item I will that the division of the lands above bequeathed be made according to the plat by straight lines. Item I give & bequeath to my eldest daughter Margaret Browne one sixth part of all my slaves (when my eldest son arrives at the age of twenty years) and moderate accommodations (at the discretion of my Executors) out of the profits accruing from the produce of the plantations. Item I give and bequeath to my second daughter Elizabeth Browne when my eldest son arrives at age one sixth part of all my slaves and moderate accommodations (at the discretion of my Executors) out of the profits accruing from the produce of the plantations. Item I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Reannah Browne (when my eldest son arrives at age) one sixth part of all my slaves and moderate accommodations as to the rest of my children. Item I will that if any of my children should dye before they arrive at age the legacies bequeathed to be equally divided amongst the surviving. Item I will that my eldest son John shall have the management of my interest at the age of twenty years and be accountable for the proportioned parts of the profits to his brother & sisters but to be directed and guided by my Executors and

It is my will that the profits accruing from the plantation be by my Executors laid out in slaves for the equal advantage of each of my children and all my daughters successively arrive to the age of eighteen or the day of marriage either of which first happeneth. Item, I will that the profits made by the produce of my plantation pertenant to William and Abigail Brown for their use and behoofe remaine in the hands of my son John till they arriveth at age provided my Executors shall approve thereof and so receive and manage unto and think it safe in his hands. Item, I do hereby nominate and appoint my well beloved wife Hannah Brown my Executors during her widows hood and my trusty and well beloved friends Roger Abbott Esq. Mr. Gabriel Manigault and Mr. Henry Perreman his Associates in Charles Towne my lawful and true Executors and I do hereby utterly disavow and revoke and do then testamente to my Executors hereunto consented by me in any wise before this time named in this my last will and Testament. I do hereby certify I have set my hand to seal the sayd will and Testament at the City of Charleston South Carolina this 22nd day of Sept^r 1729. James Browne (Sd)

Witness my hand and seal the sayd day and place as above written.

Robert Brown

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witness with the said Robert in the said Testator's presence. Given under my hand & seal this 22nd day of Sept^r 1729. Meredith Hughes

I have also appointed the Executors Oath to the widows Hannah Brown Henry Perreman & Gabriel Manigault three of the Executors in the said will named by virtue of the power therein given. Meredith Hughes

Letters Testamentary Warrant granted by the Hon. W. Middleton to Hannah Brown Gabriel Manigault and Henry Perreman Esq. and Exors. 28 Oct 1729.

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Nathaniel Williams

I the said Nathaniel Williams of South Carolina do hereby certify that I have seen the will and Testament of Nathaniel Williams of South Carolina being now in perfect health and of sound disposing thanks be to God, but considering the uncertainty of his life, I make and declare these presents to be my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making null and void all former wills and Testaments of me hereupon made. I wish I could commit my soul to God hoping by the merits of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to have full pardon of all my sins both my body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named. In the next place I order that all my debts that I am indebted unto should be paid in some time after my decease and as for my lands and estate I give and dispose of the same in manner following First I give unto Edwards the eldest daughter of Edward Edwards seventy two acres of land being part of a tract of land of one hundred acres County called Dorchester South Carolina the said land not to be in the power of the said Edwards nor his wife to destroy the timber of the said land but to be in the power of my Executors to cut & do for the said Child till she attain the age of sixteen or the day of her marriage, but in case of the Child's should dye before she attain the age aforesaid then the land to fall to the mother Mrs. Mary Edwards but in case both should fail or dye then the land to fall to the said Widow of Charles Brown. Item I give to my negro boy Joseph his freedom from all slavery from and my heirs Executors or assigns forever to him and his heirs forever. Also I give and bequeath to the said Joseph his wife a parcel of land to him and his heirs forever he taking his land at the S. E. part of the said Joseph's land being one half of a parcel of land called Joseph's land. Item I give to my boy Joseph the money which he now owes to me which is fifty pounds or more also one gun his father's barrel. Item I give and bequeath to Mrs. Elizabeth Watson the wife of Mr. John Watson fifty pounds currency also to William Watson a gun with brass chaps upon the barrel. To Mr. George Wescott I give liberty to cut off the land aforesaid for his use & to his heirs and assigns of my estate as I give to my Executors for the trouble they shall be at a passing my death And lastly I do nominate and appoint my Executors for this my last will and Testament, my friend John Watson Esquire and George Wescott Esquire. Given under my hand & seal the 22nd day of Sept^r 1729. Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Meredith Hughes, Henry Perreman, Gabriel Manigault, Roger Abbott, Nathaniel Williams.