

The last will & testament of James Brown Jr. P. P. II.

P.P. In the name of God amen. The second day of February  
No. 11. in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven and in  
the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second King of Great  
Britaine to I James Brown of the Parish of Prince George in the County of  
County Winyaw Blantyre being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind  
and memory than to be given unto God therefore calling unto mind the  
mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed to all men once to  
die to make and ordain this my last will & testament that is to say in this  
body and to go all 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 it  
again at the general resurrection by the mighty power of God; and as  
touching such world estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in  
this life I have done and left of the same in manner & forme following:  
Item. That all my just and lawfull debts be payd. Item. I give &  
bequeath to my beloved Hawking wife Hannah Brown all the next  
rents & dividends of my plantation during the space of two years in full of  
her due or my proportion to my estate either real or personal reverving  
to her in consideration for each and every of my children as is hereafter mentioned.  
Item. I give & bequeath to my eldest son John Brown at the age of twenty  
two years one half of all my lands and to be the whole front that now  
lives in a certaine in third of my cattle horses hogs sheep & and one fifth  
part of all my slaves. Item. I give and bequeath to my second son William  
Brown at the age of twentyone years one third part of all my lands (to be  
added upon my eldest sons proportion) as also one third of my cattle horses  
hogs excepte instant fifth part of all my slaves. Item. I give and bequeath  
to my youngest son Alexander Brown at the age of twenty one years one  
third part of all my lands (to whom my sons Williams proportion) as also  
one third part of all my cattle horses hogs sheep & and one fifth part of all my slaves.  
Item. I will that the division of the lands above bequeathed be made  
according to the parts by straight lines. Item. I give & bequeath to my  
eldest daughter Margaret Brown one fifth part of all my slaves (when  
my eldest son arrives at the age of twenty one years) and moderate accom-  
modations (at the discretion of my Executors) out of the profits accruing from  
the produce of the plantation. Item. I give and bequeath to my second  
daughter Elizabeth Brown when my eldest son arrives at age one fifth  
part of all my slaves and moderate accommodations (at the discretion of  
my Executors) out of the profits accruing from the produce of the plantation.  
Item. I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Hannah Brown  
(when my eldest son arrives at age one fifth 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 die before they arrive at age the legacy  
bequeathed to be equally divided amongst the surviving. Item. I will  
that my eldest son John shall have the management of my interest after  
age of seventeen years and be accountable for the proportioned part of all my  
estate to his brothers sisters but to be educated and guided by my Executors and  
under their direction.

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I say, I 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 still 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 pertinent to William and Alice Brown for their use and behoove remaine in the hands of my son John till they attain age provided my Executors shall appone above apponnes his conduct and management and think it safe in his hands. Item, I do hereby nominate and appoint my well beloved wife Elizabeth Brown my Executrix during her widow hood and my trusty and well beloved friends Roger Ward Esq; Mr Gabriel Manginett and Mr Henry Penruess Esq; and Executors in the event of her death my lawfull and true executors and I do hereby attorney Elizabeth and James and other testaments herein before begonne to be executed by me in my life before this time named written & signed this twenty second day of September and none other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed published made and executed by the said James Brown (Sub) by the said James Brown witness and attested his last will and testament in the presence of the following his Executors and Testators Robert Brown, John Ward, Roger Ward, Henry Penruess, Gabriel Manginett, and Mr Henry Penruess Esq; and Executors in the event of his death.

Robert Brown, John Ward, Roger Ward, Henry Penruess,

Gabriel Manginett

This twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty three in the County of Berkeley in the State of Virginia in the presence of James Brown and his wife Elizabeth Brown and his two children Robert Brown and Alice Brown his daughter.

Testimony of the said children and also in presence of Elizabeth Brown and her husband Mr Nathaniel Williams her son in law of the said James Brown and his wife Elizabeth Brown.

Nathaniel Williams Esq; I subscribe this day and witness in the integrity fidelitie and consciention before the said childer Brown their son and by these presents do you to you self James Brown and faithfully to execute the same interests to the last will and testament of James Brown late of Newington deceased so soon as be brought before you upon their oaths on the Holy Evangelists touching the distribution of such will according to the course of the Statute in that case made & provided and also to administer the same with to the said James Brown affreid and a true return of your longs known you are to make and give under your hand and seal (to these presents annexed) for my approbation and allowance. Given under my hand & seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1739 in the third year of the reign of King George.

In pursuance of the written power directed to me there came unto Robert Brown and Nathaniel Williams two of the witnesses to the last will & testament of James Brown deceased (hereunto annexed) who upon their oaths on the holy Evangelists declare they were present and did see the said James Brown signe seal published and declare the said instrument to be his last will & testament and that at the time of executing the same he the said James Brown was of sound and disposing memory understanding to the best of their knowledge and that the other evidence Samuel Bennett (his son) subscribed his name and witness

witness with the deposit in the said Testator's presence.  
Given under my hand & seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept 1739. M. N. Williams  
I have also acknowledged the Executors oath to the widow Elizabeth Brown  
Henry Penruess & Gabriel Manginett their Executors in the event of her  
death named by virtue of the power writing given. M. N. Williams

Letters testamentary warrant granted by the Hon: W: Middleton to Elizabeth Brown Gabriel Manginett and Henry Penruess Esq; and Execs: 28 Oct 1739.

3 November 1739 Recorded by Jas Hart Esq;

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Nathaniel Williams

13<sup>th</sup> this day of October A.D. 1739 in the County of Berkeley in the State of Virginia I Nathaniel Williams of Berkeley County in the Province of South Carolina Planter being now in perfect health under some indisposition thanks be to God, but considering the increasing infirmities I make and declare these presents to be my last will and testament freely & voluntarily making null and void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made. First I 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 it to the Earth take secretly interred at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named. In the next place I order that all my debts due me and just claims be paid in sometime after my decease and at my temporal estate give and dispose of the same in manner following First I give to Anna Edwards the eldest daughter of Edward Edwards deceased her inheritance being part of a tract of land of one hundred acres County called Edwards Tract. The said land not to be in the power of the said Edwards nor his wife to destroy the bounds of the said land till the age of sixteen or the day after marriage, but in case of the child should die before she attain the age aforesaid then the land to fall to the mother with Mary Edwards but in case both should fail or die then the land to fall to Mr John Watson of Charles Town. Item I give to my negro boy Joseph his freedom from all slavery from me my heirs Executors or assigns forever to him and his heirs for ever. Also I give and bequeath to the said negro boy his executors and to him and his heirs forever his lands at the S. Ex parte Estate. Item I give to my boy Joseph <sup>no more than</sup> one half of my widow cloose. Item I give to Capt Richard Smith the money which he now owes to me which is fifty pounds money also one gun six foot in the barrel. Item I give and bequeath to Mrs Elizabeth Watson the wife of Mr John Watson fifty pounds currency also to Athelaine Watson a gun with brass claps upon the barrel. To Mr George Weston I give a tract of land aforesaid for his use 25 acres and as to the rest of my estate as I give to my Executors for the trouble they shall bear at a farre death And lastly I do nominate and appoint my Executors for this my last will and testament, my friend John Watson Master and George Weston. November 1739. Signed sealed and delivered  
Mary Baker - Notary of Elizabeth & Richard  
in the presence of Mary Edwards.

Nathaniel Williams