

To make & declare this my last Will & Testament that is to say, in the presence
of all, I give my soul into the hand of Almighty God That gave it, & my body
I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discre-
tion of my executors, And as touching such worldly estate wherewith
it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give & bequeath & dispose of
the same in the following manner & form Viz. I Give & bequeath to
William or my beloved son the sum of six shillings ~~there~~ I give unto
Nathan or my beloved son one bay mare, one cow, a heifer, one
Yearling steer. ~~there~~ I give & bequeath unto Jean Mitchell my beloved
daughter one foal mare one cow, one heifer & one yearling steer to
one chest. ~~there~~ I give & bequeath unto Charles or my beloved son the
sum of ten pounds if demanded by him within two years after my
death, but if not it is my will & pleasure that this Legacy shall
be equally divided between my two sons Nathan & James or
~~there~~ I give & bequeath unto James or my beloved son all that mesne
or tract of land on which I leave to him his Husb & signs scarce it is
further my will & pleasure that after the payment of all my just debts
& the above mentioned legacies that the remainder of all my estate be
the property of my said son James or — and I do hereby constitute
& appoint my sons Nathan or & James or my sole Executors of this
my last will & Testament, And do hereby utterly disallow Revoke
I disannul all former other former wills, Testaments & Executors by me
in any wise named written or by; created before, Ratifying & Con-
firming this & no other to be my last will & Testament, the witness
whereof I the said James, have hereunto set my hand to
Seal this 16th day of February 1778.

Sealed pronounced & declared by James or as his last will

& Testament in presence of

Nathan or

Agnes Allen

{ Hannah

James or



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In the name of God Amen. I Christopher Brown Farmer subscriber
in Mecklenburg County & State of NC Carolina, being sick & weakly
in body for some time & calling to mind my Mortality being in a
second way both mind & judgment & as it hath pleased our
God to bless me with a numerous family, do choose to make this
my last will & Testament and first I recommend my soul to

57 Almighty God who gave it begining he would be graciously pleased
to accept the same for what Jesus hath done & suffered for a long
& ruined world, With regard to what of the worlds goods it hath -
placed God to best me, I choose to dispose of in the following manner
and first I allow all my just & lawful debts to be discharged
Item I bequeath to my well beloved wife Jacob Osborn the plantation
now live on with all the working instruments or tacklings on the farm
all the creatures Cows, Horses, Hogs, Household pleneshing or furniture
during her now had only it is to be observed that whatever comes
in her after named are excepted. Item I bequeath unto my well beloved
daughter Mary Polk five pounds in Money or Value. Item I bequeath
unto my well beloved daughter Rebecca Powell five pounds in Money
or Value. Item I bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Celia
Howell five pounds in Money or Value. Item I bequeath unto my
well beloved daughter Susan Osborn the sum of Twenty pounds
... money or Value. Item I bequeath unto my well beloved daughter
Cathy Osborn the sum of Twenty ~~pounds~~ in Money or Value
Item I bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Lydia the sum
of Twenty pounds in Money or Value. Item I bequeath unto my
well beloved daughter Milly Osborn the sum of Twenty pounds
Money or Value. Item I bequeath unto my well beloved daughter
Elizabeth Osborn the sum of Twenty pounds in Money or Value
Item I bequeath unto my well beloved son Jonathan Osborn the
plantation Frederick Herlock now lies on Four Negro men two
Negro & a Horse named Dick. Take notice the above described plant-
ation hath two deer. Item I bequeath unto my well beloved son
Christopher Osborn all & every of the piece or pieces of Land to me
deeded & granted. Item As I believe my well beloved wife is pre-
sent with Child my will is as followeth Should it please an
God that the child should be a male & arrive to the age of twenty, so
that after said child is schooled to read & write that at the age of
Twenty one he shall have one hundred pounds paid by my son, Ch-
ristopher Osborn or to have the value thereof in land as he that is
above described child shall choose; but should the child be
female & arrive at the age of eighteen years then I bequeath
unto her the sum of Twenty pounds in Money or Value. A
Negro Bab I give also unto my son Christopher Osborn
Item I do now & nominate my well beloved wife as

I have now made my son to be the only Executor of this my last will & Testament & my wife to have the whole disposal of all estate under the before & premises as above named for the good of the family & that during her widowhood and do revoke all other wills or Testaments whatsoever acknowledging this as my last will & Testament signed with my hand and with my seal this 15th day of December in the Year 1783.

Michael Germanus
Joseph Howell
Archibald White

Christopher Brown



18 January 22 1789 - Should the Lord be pleased in the course of his wise & adorable Providence to remove any of my male children before the time at the age of twenty one, I then order & allow & bequeath that one part to the surviving male child and should the child that my dear & loving wife is pregnant at this date be a male I allow that who ever of the three be removed that an equal divide be made of that one part to the surviving males or male. This I acknowledge as my last will the day & year above written in presence of
John Bartram
Adam Edgar
Archibald White

Christopher Brown

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Lee of Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina being sick of body but of sound & open mind & memory, calling to mind my Mortality, that it is appointed once for all men to die, after death the Judgment, I do, first of all recommend my soul to God thro' the merits of Christ & my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors believing that it shall be raised by Christ at the last day. And Touching worldly things which God hath given me, I do dispose & order to be disposed of in the following manner, and first of all I do order all my Legal & just debts to be fully discharged out of my real & personal estate. — I do will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Jane one horse saddle & bridle & one furnished bed & all my Closet furniture & all her own clothes & a Childs part of all my personal estate. I do will & bequeath unto my beloved wife my dwelling house,