

In the name of God—Amen—

I John J D Brown of Jennings Gap Augusta County Va, do ordain this to be my last will, 1st I direct that my remains be decently intered [sic] according to my state & condition in life—and in conformity with the rites & ceremonies of the Presbyterian Church of which said church I have for many years been a member.

2nd, I direct that so soon after my demise as may be convenient, my just debts & funeral expenses be paid.

3rd, It is my wish and desire that my wife J. Amanda Brown take hold full possession of all my estate, real & personal until my youngest child Henry J Brown [see note * below] shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, at which time if my said wife be then alive I direct a sale of my land, the proceeds of which together with any other property which may belong to my estate I direct shall be equally divided amongst my three children namely, F.H.T. Brown, Joseph W. Brown & Henry J. Brown after deducting therefrom such portion as the law of Virginia in such case reserves to a widow: but in the event my said wife shall intermarry with any person before my said youngest child shall arrive at the age of twenty one years—then it is my direction that my said estate shall be at once sold & dispensed [?] of as above directed when my said youngest child would arrive at 21 years—& my said wife remaining unmarried.

4th, I further direct that should my said wife deem it best for herself & my said three children—she is hereby authorized to sell my lands in Jennings Gap for the best price that can be procured—and the money arising from such sale to be applied without delay in the purchase of other real estate at such place as my said wife may select.

5th, It is my wish & desire that Catharine Burch who has resided in my family for many years, remain with my said wife during life—& to receive her comfortable support during her life. I hereby charge my estate both real & personal, because the said Catharine has rendered much service to my family.

6th, In the 3rd clause of this instrument I use the words viz: "after deducting therefrom such portion as the law of Virginia in such case reserves to a widow" by which is meant the portion of a widow to a husband's estate, said Husband having died intestate—which said portion is meant to be devised to my said wife Juliet Amanda.—