

## Will of Matthew Brown

Name in Record	Reason for Being in Record	Date of Record
Matthew Brown	Makes his last will & testament	August 17, 1898
Mary Magdaline Brown	Wife; inherits farm & personal property during her lifetime	
Charley Brown	Son; shares estate if mother dies or remarries	
Emma Brown	Daughter; shares estate if mother dies or remarries	
John George Brown	Son; shares estate if mother dies or remarries	
Mary Magdaline Brown	Wife; appointed executrix of will of Nathan Brown	
James Crozier	Witnessed Matthew Brown making his last will	
George Knittle	Witnessed Matthew Brown making his last will	
Matthew Brown	Died	October 10, 1898
James Crozier	Subscribing witness; oath of death & validity of will	October 26, 1898
John H. Lenhart	Clerk	
John H. Lenhart	Clerk; will has been admitted to probate	October 26, 1898
E. Burt Lenhart	Deputy	

State of Indiana Adams County } S.S.

Be it known that James Crozier one of the subscribing witnesses of the last will and testament of Matthew Brown, late of Adams County, deceased, personally appeared before the undersigned, Clerk of Adams County Circuit Court, being of lawful age and being by me duly sworn, as follows:

That Matthew Brown, deceased, on the 10th day of October 1898, that he left the foregoing as his last will and testament; That the undersigned was present and saw the said testator sign his name to the same and he also published and declared that the same was his last will and testament. That he was of sound mind and memory, fully competent to devise his property, and was under no restraint or coercion whatever; that James Crozier and George Stittler each signed their names to the same as subscribing witnesses, in his presence, and at his request and in the presence of each other

James Crozier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 26th day of October 1898.

John H. Embart

State of Indiana, Adams County, S.S.

I, John H. Embart, Clerk of Adams Circuit Court, Adams County, Indiana, certify that the above and foregoing Will of Matthew Brown late of Adams County, deceased, has been duly admitted to probate; That the due execution was this day proven by James Crozier, whose proof, together with said Will, has been duly recorded on pages 341 & 342 of Record Book Stittler in this office.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court, this 26th of October 1898.

John H. Embart, Clerk.  
By E. Paul Embart, deputy

In the name of the Reverend Father of all Pastors  
 Brown, Do make and publish this my last will and  
 testament. I give and devise to my beloved Wife in  
 full of her interests in my lands, the farm on which  
 we now reside, situated in Adams County, State of  
 Indiana, containing about twenty acres, during her  
 natural life and all the Stock, household furniture,  
 premises and other goods and chattles, which may be  
 hereon at the time of my decease, as long as she  
 remains my widow, as aforesaid. She however selling  
 so much thereof as may be sufficient to pay my  
 just debts. She only is to sell and take only of the chattles  
 at she deems proper. None of my wife Mary Magdalene  
 Brown has the full possession till after her death of  
 as long as she remains my widow, if she should  
 marry, then all of my estate shall go to my heirs,  
 Charley Brown, Emma Brown, and John George  
 Brown. Thus if so my wife after she has the one  
 third of my estate as her own, and to do as she deems  
 proper. I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife,  
 Mary Magdalene Brown, executor of this my last  
 will and testament, hereby authorizing and empower-  
 ing her to compromise, adjust, release and discharge  
 in such manner as she may deem proper.

I do hereby revoke all former wills made by me.  
 In testimony hereof I have herein set my hand and  
 seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1898

Matthew Brown  
 Signed and acknowledged by said Matthew Brown  
 as his last will and testament in our presence  
 and signed by us in his presence

James Crozer  
 George Knittle.

Whereas Matthew Brown on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1898  
 made my last will and testament of that day, I do  
 hereby declare the following to be a correct copy of the same, in  
 witness whereof I make and set my hand and official  
 seal.

James B. Small.

Justice of Peace

(Seal)