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*THE FOUNDATION*



THE JOHN CARTER BROWN  
LIBRARY

**J**OHN NICHOLAS BROWN, son of John Carter Brown, was born on December 17, 1861, and died on May 1, 1900. The twenty-second section of his will, dated January 29, 1898, read as follows: "My Bibliotheca Americana, otherwise known as the John Carter Brown Library, conveyed to me by my mother by her deed dated January 28, 1898, together with all books, manuscripts, engravings and maps, and the bust of my father, conveyed to me by said deed, and together also with all the books, manuscripts, engravings and maps bought by me, or given to me, from time to time, which in the judgment of my executors may be useful or appropriate additions to said Library, (most of said books being now in the room at my father's homestead in said Providence in which the Library is placed, and having been bought as additions to the Library, and having always been considered as such), and including also any future additions of whatever nature which I may hereafter make thereto, I bequeath to my said brother Harold and to the said George W. R. Matteson, and to the survivor of them, and other the Trustees or Trustee under these trusts for