

November 8th 1758

This Account examined & Compared with Vouchers by Order
of Albemarle County found to be justly stated

Matthew Jordan

W. Higgins on

W. Cabelle junr.

at a Court held for Albemarle County the ninth day of November 1758

This Account was returned into Court & Ordered to be recorded

Just John Nicholas Clk

Christians
Will

In the Name of God Amen I James Christian of Albemarle
County & Saint James being in good health blessed be God for
the same makes this my Last Will & Testament as follows first I
Desire my debts to be paid, Item I Give & bequeath to my Daughter
Elizabeth Christian Eight hundred & ten Acres of Land lying on
Horswall Creek & two Negro Girls Moll & Tall the bed &
furniture to the Value of ten pounds two Mares & three Incesses
which is Now called horn. William Luke is to have four hundred
Acres of Land to be laid off at the Upper End of my Order John
Christians & William Browns out of my part William Christian
is to have four hundred Acres of Land to be laid off below William
Lukes out of my part the remainder part of My Land to be Equally
Divided amongst my four Sons Charles Christian James Christian
John Christian & George Christian & the remainder part of
My Estate after five Squares to be Equally Divided amongst my
four Sons & my Wife & appointing my Loving wife my son Charles
Christian & my son James Christian Executors of
this my Last will & Testament as Witnesses my hand & seal this
Eighteenth day of May in the Year one Thousand Seven hundred &
fifty two

For Tho Wright
David Mallock

James Christian (Sr)

At a Court held for Albemarle County the eighth day of March 1759
This Last Will & Testament of James Christian deced was presented
in Court by the Executors proved by the Oaths of Thomas Wright &
David Mallock the Witnesses thereto & Ordered to be recorded & on the
Motion of Charles Christian & James Christian Executors therein Named
Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining a probat thereof upon their
giving Bond & Security at the next Court Susanna Christian widow
of the said decedent appeared in Court & refused to take upon her
the Burthen of the Execution of the said Will & declared she would not
accept or take any Advantage she might be intitled to by the said Will
At a Court held for the said County the 1st of June 1759

in the Motion of William Duquaine Gent who made Oath According
to Law Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Letters of Admon
with the said Will Annexed Upon his Giving Security whereupon
he with John Harvie John Henderson Just. & Commissioners Thomas
his Secretaries Entered into & Acknowledged their Bond for the same

Test John Nicholas Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I Peter Brooks of the County
of Alleghenle being Sick & weak in Body but of perfect mind &
Memory thank be to God do make & Ordain this my Last Will &
Testament First of all I Give & bequeath my Soul into the hands of
God who Gave it & for my Body to be buried in a Decent Manner
at the discretion of My Executors hereafter Named Namely My Will
pleasure is that my Beloved Wife Catherine Shall Enjoy & have
the Use of my Land & Plantation whereon I now Live with all the
Stock & household Furniture thereunto belonging as also the Use
& Use of all my Negroes during her Natural Life & at her decease
My Negro Woman Moll & her Increase to be Given to my
Daughter Jane Hales to her & her heirs & Assigns forever
of the Land & plantation with the Stock & household Furni-
ture of a Negro Man Named Warwick be Given to my Daughter
Susannah Brooks to her her heirs & Assigns forever Nam
I Give to my Eldest Son Michael Brooks one Shilling Sterling
Item I Give to my daughter Lucy Hodnett one Shilling Sterling
Item I Give to my daughter Mary Took one Shilling Sterling
Item I Give to my daughter Catherine Monro one Shilling Sterling
Item I Give to my daughter Elizth Brooks one Shilling Sterling
Item I Give unto my Grandson Peter Staner my Large Bible
My desire is that my Executors pay all my Just debts according
to Law & Innominate & Appoint my Beloved Wife Catherine to be
my Executrix & John Hunter Executor of this my Last Will &
Testament I do hereby utterly disallow Revokes & disannul
all & Every other Wills & Testaments by me in any way made
Ratifying & Confirming this & no Other to be my Last Will
& Testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand
& Seal this thirty first day of January one thousand seven
hundred & fifty nine

Peter Brooks (S)

Signed Sealed & delivered
In the presence of

Gideon Anderson, William Anderson
Patrick P. Connor
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