

In the name of God Amen. I John Sumner Brooks of Alexandria in the District of Columbia, Mariner, being at present in perfect health of body and sound mind and judgement, do make and acknowledge this to be my last will and testament, revoking all former wills by me made or executed at any time or place whatever.

In the first place, as I have seldom been in the practice of getting in debt and as I am at this time not in debt, as will clearly appear by my books except \$6. Yet it may so happen that hereafter debts may be contracted by me; In that case I will, that out of what monies, or personal property I may be possessed of at the time of my decease my just and lawful debts and funeral charges shall be paid. But if that should be insufficient, then that my Executors shall dispose of so much of my real estate as they may judge proper for the payment of such just debts. The residue to be disposed of in the following manner To Edmund Edmonds of Alexandria district of Columbia I will and bequeath all my books, charts, Instruments, wearing apparel or furniture I may be possessed of at my decease. Also I will and bequeath to Edmund Edmonds aforesaid and Sarah his wife jointly or seperately during the term of their natural lives, or either of them survives during the term of their natural life, a house and lot situate on the South side of Duke Street and between water and Fairfax streets formerly the property of the late Hannah Lee on which there is to be paid annually a ground rent thirty six dollars and sixty seven cents Also a lot of ground on Fairfax street between Duke and Wolf streets and on which there is at present a school house occupied by Mr. Edmonds, this lot is bound in a rent to Thomas Brown of twenty five dollars per annum. Also a house and lot on the west side Royal street purchased by me of Kees & Culbert Pomer in 1798 between Nellis & Milles streets subject to a ground rent to the heirs of the Estate of the late William Hunter of six dollars and sixty seven cents per annum To Sarah Eliza Edmonds the daughter of the aforesaid Edmund & Sarah Edmonds, I bequeath the reversion of the aforesaid three houses and lots at the decease of both her parents, together with whatever building or structures there may be thereon at their decease. Also I will & bequeath to Sarah Eliza Edmonds aforesaid a dwelling house & lot on the west side of Royal Street

just purchased by me in parcels of William Wright in two parcels containing a front of sixty six feet & depth of one hundred and twenty three feet five inches together with a small house built by me thereon, and all other structures that may be thereon at the time of my decease. Also I will and bequeath to the aforesaid Sarah Eliza Edmonds, one other lot of ground situated on the south side of Duke Street adjoining on the East side by the lot of James Lawason & on the West by land belonging to the heirs of Benjamin Shreve deceased. The said lot is sixty feet front on Duke Street and runs through to Wolf Street, it was purchased by me of the late Benjamin Shreve and was subject to a ground rent of sixty six dollars & sixty seven cents per annum. But this ground rent has ceased since the year 1804 At which time purchaser of Mr. Thornbush Alexanders agent the executor of the whole acre held by Benjamin Shreve of him (of which this is one part) at the same rent I paid. It is my intention and will that Edmund Edmonds Sarah Edmonds his wife and Sarah Eliza Edmonds their daughter be my Executors jointly in carrying into effect this my Will & Testament. Having settled the concern as far as the real property I possess well admit, & not knowing what property I may hereafter accumulate. It is my will that Sarah Eliza Edmonds shall be my only and hereafter accumulate. It is my will that Sarah Eliza Edmonds shall be my only and general residuary legatee and to her I do, and bequeath all and every part of my personal estate not here appropriated. And all and every part of the property I may hereafter accumulate whether real or personal or in whatever form it may consist, whether debts, bonds, wages, notes, shipping, goods, wares, merchandize &c &c to be delivered to her solely for her own use & behoof. But as we are all mortal and as the young and old are equally alike to be taken away from this life should the aforesaid Sarah Eliza Edmonds not survive me the Testator. Then in that case I will and bequeath to the aforesaid Edmund Edmonds and Sarah his wife for their joint and separate lives and for their sole use benefit and advantage all and every part of whatever property I may be vested with at my decease, and make them my residuary legatees in the same manner their daughter would be were she the survivor. At the same time it is my will that all my real property shall be unalienable and that the survivor only, whether it be Edmund Edmonds or Sarah his wife shall be the sole disposer of the whole property. At the same time should they by their joint consent wish to alienate any part of said property they

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they have a right to do so and not otherwise. But it is to be understood that the clauses just stated is to have no kind of interference with the claims of their daughter Sarah Eliza Edmonds should she out live me the testator. I also will and bequeath to the aforesaid Sarah Eliza Edmonds a lot of ground on the east side of Fairfax between Duke & Wolf Streets purchased by me of Sam^l J. Donaldson Executor of the late Sam^l Edmonds of Baltimore deceased and which is sixty six feet front running back one hundred & twenty three feet five inches & being in fee simple. Having thus disposed of my affairs I leave to my executors the carrying into effect this my last will and testament made this ninth day of May in the City of and District of Columbia and in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen

Witness

Wm Harper

Sarah H Davis

Alex MacKenzie

John J Brooks (S)

At a session of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia the 30th day of January 1821 the last will and testament of John J Brooks deceased was presented to the Court by Edmund Edmonds one of the Executors therein named and proved by the oaths of William Harper and Alexander MacKenzie Witnesses thereto to be wholly written and signed by the Testator that he acknowledged the same in their presence as and for his last will and testament and the same was ordered to be recorded and on the same day Letters Testamentary were granted to the said Executor he having qualified to the same and given bond and security according to law

Alex Moore

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Know all Men by these presents that we Edmund Edmonds Alexander MacKenzie and James Norris are held and firmly bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court of Alexandria County in the District of Columbia and his successors in office in the sum of four thousand dollars law full money of the United States to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 30th day January 1821

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Edmund Edmonds shall well and truly perform the office of Executor of John Jacobus Brooks late of Alexandria County deceased according to law and shall in all respects discharge the duties of him required by law as Executor aforesaid without any injury or damage to any person interested in the faithful performance of said office then the above obligation shall cease it shall otherwise remain in full force and virtue in law

Sealed & Delivered

in presence of

the Court

Edmund Edmonds (S)

Alexander MacKenzie (S)

James Norris (S)