

January the 28th Ann. Dom: one thousand seven hundred and eighty five. I Robert Brooke Gen: of the County of Essex, and Parish of St. Anns, seriously considering the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous of disposing of my worldly affairs as Justice and Equity seem to direct, do while in perfect Health, and memory, God be praised, make and ordain this my last will and Testament, in manner and Form following; Viz: First, I most humbly recommend my soul to the intensive mercy, of that eternal, supreme, intelligent being who gave it me: hoping, and assuredly believing, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my saviour, to be made partaker of life everlasting; and my body to the Earth whereof that is made. Item, I give, devise, and bequeath, to my son Humphrey Booth Brooke & his Heirs for ever the Capital messuage wherein I now live, and all other Houses within the curtilage of the same, with one moiety of the tract of Land whereon I now live, to be paid ^{by} in Quarters and

Land whereon I now live, to be laid off in Quantity, and
Quality, so as the other moiety may partake of equal ad-
vantages and Benefits with the same: and in case he
should die before myself; I give devise and bequeath the
same to my son Edmund Brooke & his Heirs for ever. Item,
I give, devise, and bequeath to my son Edmund Brooke &
his Heirs the reversion of the Mesuage, or Tenement, call-
ed by the name of Newfoundland, whereon M^{rs} Lydia
Buckrood Brooke now lives, by virtue of a settlement of
the same for her natural life, with the other moiety
of the Tract of Land, whereon I now live, to be laid
off as aforesaid; and if he should die before my-
self to my son Humphrey Booth Brooke in such
manner as the other Moiety is above limited to be, and
remain to my son Edmund Brooke and his Heirs for
ever. Item, I give, devise, and bequeath to each of my Daugh-

ters, Mary, Catharine Susannah, Sarah and Elizabeth
 Brooke after my Debt, and Legacies are paid an equal
 Portion of my slaves to be divided by commissioners to be
 appointed by the Court or the Executors of my will. Item, I
 give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Anne Pettit
 Brooke a Bracelet of three Guineas Value. Item, I give
 and bequeath the residue of my Estate, of every kind & nature
 whatsoever to be equally divided between my sons Humphrey and
 Edmund Brooke, who I ordain, and make my executors.
 And do renounce and revoke all former Wills, and publish
 this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I
 have hereunto put my hand this Day, and Year, first as
 above written by me

Interlined before Publication

Witnesses to the Publishing hereof,

John Sealey,

Edward Voss

Edwards Matthews

R Brooke.

John Matthews At a Court held for Essex County at Tappan
on the 13th day of Jan^y 1790. This last will and testament
of Robert Brooke deceased being presented in court by Humphrey
Brooke and Edmund Brooke, the executors herein named
and was proved by Merri-day Brown one of the witnesses
hereto and also by the oath of the said Executors and is
ordered to be certified: and a certificate is granted to the
said Humphrey Brooke and Edmund Brooke in order to
their obtaining Probate hereof in due form.

Test

And at a Court held for the said County at the place afore-
said on the 20th day of Sept^r 1790. This last will and testam-
ent of Robert Brooke deceased was further proved by the oath
of Edwards Matthews another of the witnesses thereto and order-
ed to be recorded.

Test

John P. See dock