

I desire that all my Children shall share equally in my Estate. I authorize my Executors hereinafter named to keep my estate together until they have an opportunity of selling my land on such terms as they approve, or if such an opportunity should not occur, they may, if it appears advisable to them, keep it together until my daughter Elizabeth arrives to the age of twenty one years.

In the event of the sale of my land, the residue of my Estate I direct to be immediately thereafter divided amongst my children. Whilst my estate is kept together I direct that each of my Children receive an equal proportion of its profits. I authorize my Executors to retain my younger sons (meaning John, William, and Robert) portions of my Estate in their hands until they are twenty three years of age, unless they, my Executors think proper to compound to them the care thereof, as they attain to the age of twenty one years, - this matter I submit to their discretion.

Hathly I appoint my son George, my son in law William Garnett, and my friend James Hunter Executors to this my Will and Guardians to my Children, of whom I desire no security may be required, and who will exercise their own discretion as to the arrangements most proper to make for the payment of my debts. I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of December 1810

Witness

Richard Brooke Seal

The words and Guardians to my Children interlined on the other page before acknowledged me

Maria W Price

Richard D. Ludlow

Jo^s D. Co

At a Court held for King and Queen County at the Courtroom on Monday the 13th of January 1817

This Last Will and Testament of Richard Brooke deceased was offered for proof by William Garnett one of the Executors therein named and

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was proved by the oath of Thomas Leprance & James Co-
lver of the County of the City subscribed and also by the
oath of the said Executor and co-administrators named

Witness Robert S. Bell
Robert S. Bell

In the Clerk's office of the County Court of King and Queen
October 21st 1866

The Original, and a record of the last Will and
Testament of Richard Brooke and being lost by the
burning of the Clerk's office of the County Court
publick record and this copy of the Will of the
said Richard Brooke and in the said Robert
S. Bell A Copy Teste Robert S. Bell
being produced and sworn to by William Graham
as his master and administrator

Witness
Robert S. Bell
John S. Bell

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Graham
make my last Will and Testament as follows I give
my son Edward my tract of land called Wood Lawn
the third of my slaves, the sum of two thousand dollars
all my books, the furniture belonging to the large
room below stairs, but he is to have but one carpet for
that room which is to be the one made to fit it. The
carpet made to fit the chamber below stairs and the
curtains belonging to the room, the mahogany
bedstead up stairs with the bed, under bed hair mat,
bolster and pillows belonging to it, 2 pair shirts, two
pair of blankets, two counterpanes and pair of pillow
cases, the choice of all my bed clothes, my
four plate candlesticks with snuffers and tray
belonging to them, my gun and cesters, the four last
steps up stairs and old clock in the passage, all
pertaining to the house. The bay horse saddle & bridle
called his - my watch, my mother's breast pin.