

Will. I, William J. Brooke, do make, publish and declare my last will and testament as follows:

Item 1st I leave to my wife during her natural life, the following property to wit, all my land lying on the north side of the Dumfries Road, together with twenty five acres of wood land on the South side of the said Road, which woodland is to be allotted by Commissioners appointed by the County Court of Rappahannock, either on motion of wife or my executor hereinafter named; my negro man Joseph, girl, Mary, all my household and kitchen furniture, three horses, all the milk cows, one wagon and gear for 3 horses, one big plow, 2 Cultivators, one big harrow, 10 Shuf, 20 killing hogs, 2 Sows, all the corn, 10 Bunches of flour and a sufficient quantity of hay and provender to support the live stock; the above property to be selected by my wife.

Item 2nd My son William J. Brooke has resided with me since he attained the age of twenty one years and I have given him for his services two horses, suffered him to raise a crop of corn for himself, a year or two since and permitted him to graze cattle on my farm for his own use and have advanced him small sums of money at sundry times and furnished him with clothing and in addition thereto and now will and bequeath to him one hundred dollars in full for services heretofore rendered.

Item 3rd It is my will and desire that all the residue of my property, both real and personal be sold by my Executor hereinafter named, upon such terms as he may deem best, with interest on the purchase money

such terms as he may deem best, with interest on the purchase money from the day of sale (if sold on a credit) and after paying my just debts and the legacy to my son William mentioned in the second clause of my will, I give and bequeath the remainder of the proceeds of said sale to my five children equally to be divided among them.

Item 4th. I will and direct my executor after the death of my wife to sell all the property, real and personal bequeathed to her by the first clause of my will and divide the proceeds equally among my five children.

Item 5th. I appoint my son William P. Brooke guardian of my four infant children and desire that he should have them given a suitable education.

Item 6th. Lastly, I constitute and appoint my son William P. Brooke Executor of this my last will and testament. Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of September 1854.

Acknowledged by Reuben
Brooke as his last will in the
presence of us who in his presence
and at his request and in the
presence of each other have subscribed
our names as witnesses thereto.

J. H. Brown

W. P. Williams

H. L. Ingham

Reuben ^{his} Brooke (Seal)
mark

Richard C.
Wick

direct that my said daughter, Julia shall be charged with the sum of one hundred dollars as the value of the said slave to be accounted for in the distribution of my estate by her.

I give to my Daughter, Virginia, my negro girl named Bea and direct that my said daughter, Virginia shall be charged with the sum of three hundred dollars as the value of the said slave to be accounted for in the distribution of my estate by her. Witness my hand this 19th day of September 1854.

Acknowledged by Reuben Brooke as a

Reuben X Brooke
mark

Codicil to his last will in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

A. G. Moffett

G. M. Brown

In Rappahannock County Court, 9th day of October 1854.

This last will and testament of Reuben Brooke deceased, together with a codicil thereto, was this day produced to the Court, proved by the oaths of G. M. Brown and A. G. Moffett the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And at a Court held for the said County on the 13th day of November 1854, on the motion of William J. Brooke, the Executor named in the said last will and testament of Reuben Brooke deceased which was duly proved and recorded at Rappahannock County Court.

In Rappahannock County Court, 9th day of October 1854.

This last will and testament of Reuben Brooke deceased, together with a codicil thereto, was this day produced to the Court, proved by the oaths of G. M. Brown and A. S. Moffett the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And at a Court held for the said County on the 13th day of November 1854, on the motion of William S. Brooke, the Executor named in the said last will and testament of Reuben Brooke deceased which was duly proved and recorded at October Court last, who made oath thereto and together with John S. Hughes, James M. Nelson, James M. Branning, Elias Whipple and Robert S. Brooke (who justified on oath as to their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of fifteen thousand Dollars (\$15,000.) conditioned as the law directs, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form.

Test,

W. J. Menefee Clk.