

Keegan Carroll County

In the name of God. Whereas I, William Books of said State and County, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, knowing that I must shortly depart this life - desire it right and proper ways to myself and family, that I should make a disposition of my property and effects - I do, therefore, make this my last Will and Testament.

Item 1st. I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner, suitable to my circumstances and condition in life

Item 2nd. I desire and direct that after my death that all of my estate, both real and personal, whether consisting of land negroes, stock or other property, be sold by my executor hereinafter named and appointed, and converted into money, as speedily as the circumstances of the case will permit - and after paying off all my just debts - and expenses attended with or preparing said estate for distribution - I will and direct that my said estate, to wit, after paying debts and

and represent as above specified, be disposed of as follows - to wit -

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret and to each child whom she may leave living at my death, or as she may hereafter within nine months thereafter own half of my said estate, to be equally divided between my said wife and her said child or children should she have any, as aforesaid, share and share alike - but if she have no such child or child, then said legacy to go to her alone absolutely and unconditionally.

Item 4th

I will and bequeath the residue of my said estate, after paying the debts and expenses aforesaid and the above mentioned legacy, to my child or children, by my first wife, to wit, John Brooks Mottley Osburn, George Brooks deceased, his child or children should he have any, to wit, John Brooks, Elizabeth Robins, Thomas Brooks, Joseph Brooks, Mary Brooks, Margaret Brooks, James Brooks, Nancy Osburn, Clifford Brooks, Sarah Brooks, and William Brooks, the same to be divided between them and share alike - that is to say the same to be divided into fourteen equal parts or shares, and each of the above mentioned child or children to have one share. The children of George Brooks to receive the share which he would be entitled to if living, if any other one should be dead, his or her child or children to receive the share he or she would be entitled to if living, and if any should be dead leaving no child or children - then his or her share to be divided between his or her brothers and sisters, and their representatives as aforesaid, equally.

Item 5th

I hereby constitute and appoint my friend Sterling Mottley Executor of this my last Will and Testament

William F. Brooks, (S)

Signed, sealed, delivered and published by William Brooks as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of the undersigned who subscribe our names here in the presence of said Tutor, at his special instance and request this Oct. 18th 1861

Remond June 6th
1873

J. M. Flaherty
W. H. Atkins
Darius Woodling

Georgia
 Carroll County } Annually come before me D.B. Johnson
 Ordaining of said County, Wm. H. H. H.
 who being, duly sworn deposes and
 says that he saw William Brooks sign and
 publish the will in his last Will and Testament
 which of sound mind disposing, and
 memory that he saw J. M. Blalock and Davis
 Bowling, the other subscribing, the other subscribing,
 witnesses witness the same, for him, and at
 his request, came in his presence, and of each
 other and that the same were executed volun-
 tarily by him, on the day it purports to have been
 executed. Sworn to & subscribed before me
 May 16th 1873

D.B. Johnson

Ordinary

Georgia
 Carroll County } I do hereby certify that this
 Ordaining of said County, Wm. H. H. H.
 last Will of the within named
 Robert Brooks deceased, so far as I know or believe,
 and that I will witness the same, the same
 in accordance with the laws of this State
 to help me. Sworn to and subscribed
 before me June 3rd 1873

D.B. Johnson Ordinary