

James Brooks.

Georgia

Washington County.

I James Brooks, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish the following as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking any Will heretofore made by me.

Item 1. I will and direct that all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as it can be done.

Item 2. I will and desire that after my death all my personal property be sold and from the proceeds of such sale there shall be paid by my executors hereinbelow named to my daughter Mary Ann Ellis Fifty Dollars to my son James E Brooks, Fifty Dollars to my son Solomon Brooks Fifty Dollars, to my son Edmund Brooks, Fifty Dollars, to my daughter Sarah Yates Fifty Dollars, to my son Tom Brooks Fifty Dollars. By above named sons and daughters having already received a sufficiency from me to make them equal to my children.

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my son Alceo E Brooks, my daughter Stevie Brooks, Amendo Brooks, Elsie Brooks and Olga Brooks, my Homeplace containing five hundred and seventy acres of land of which I am now possessed, it to be divided equally share and share alike.

Item 4. I give and bequeath to my grandson Robert Brooks the tract of land containing Thirtynine acres in Brown air by Sylvan Creek. Soe should his mother Amendo Brooks survive him the said Robert Brooks, Her said Sylvan tract of land shall revert to her.

Item 5. I further will and direct, that if any surplus remains in the hands of my Executors after the bequests enumerated in Item (2) second are paid, such surplus shall be equally divided between all my children named in this Will.

Item 6. I nominate and appoint my friends Dr. A Mathis and George S. Harton Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of January 1883.

James E. Brooks
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Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named James Brooks as his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

This 15th of January 1883

A. Shatting witness.
W. J. Harton witness.
M. Newman witness.

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We the Doct. A. Shatting, W. J. Harton and M. Newman do swear, that we saw the within named James Brooks sign and publish the within paper as his last Will and Testament. Testme

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each subscribed the same as witness whereat at the special instance and request of the said James Brooks sign and publish the within paper as his last Will and Testament, that we each subscribed the same as witnesses whereat at the special instance and request of the said James Brooks and in his presence and in the presence of each other, that the said James Brooks signed the same freely and voluntarily and was at the time of such signing of sound mind and memory.

W. J. Horton
witness

A. Shatto

Swearn to and subscribed before me
this March 5th 1883.

Mr. Stearns

Notary Public

Mr. Stearns

Mr. Stearns sworn before me

this March 5th 1883.

A. J. Horton Esq.