

In the name of God Amen I Lydia Brooks of the Straits Nearest County being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do hereby be the almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say first I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Nancy Leitch that piece or parcel of Land whereon she now lives, Beginning where the ditch crosses the road then running along the road to a post in a branch or low place which leads to Samuel Chadwick, then along said path to Samuel Chadwick line then along his line to a branch near the head of the ditch from thence along the ditch to the Beginning with all the houses and improvements thereon and all other benefits and emoluments thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining to her, her heirs and assigns for ever.

Next, I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Eliza Brooks the Residue or Remainder of the plantation whereon I now live (excepting that part demised or given to my daughter Nancy) including the whole of the cleared land and wood land appertaining to the Courses of the patent with all the houses improvements hereditaments and profits in anywise belonging or appertaining to said patent or plantation to him and his heirs for ever. And my said son Eliza Brooks paying to my son John one hundred dollars after the death of his father which sum I will and bequeath to my son John to be paid by Eliza for a compensation out of the land that I own on the beach or best Island or any other land that should lawfully fall to me by his ship or any other lawful means. I give and bequeath to all my sons and daughters them and their heirs for ever in right common or to be equally divided between them my sons and daughters. And that my son Eliza shall by no means debar the rest of his brothers and Sisters of a free Landing place they and their heirs for ever.

And I hereby appoint my two well beloved sons John Brooks and Eliza Brooks joint executors to this my last will and Testament.

hereby devoting all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty eight day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

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Lydia Brooks 
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Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named Lydia Brooks to be her last will and Testament in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed as witnesses in the presence of the Testator.

Freeman Ellis Senior

Dellins Ellis Junior.

Nearest County {
September term 1826 { I certify that the foregoing written paper was then exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oaths of Freeman Ellis Sen and Dellins Ellis Junr the subscribing witnesses thereto and Eliza Brooks one of the executors therein named qualified as such and letters testamentary ordered to issue accordingly.

H. Rumley C. C.