

January Court, 1790.

In the County of Carroll in the State of North Carolina
 To Balance due the Executors of the Estate of the late
 Robert Dinkins

32 16 4 1/2

Robert Dinkins
 David Mitchell

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In the Name of God Amen I Richard
 Brooks of the County of Charlotte and State of North Carolina
 being in a weak State of Health but of perfect sense &
 Memory Thanks be to Almighty God for the Blessing, But
 Taking into consideration the Shortness and uncertainty of this
 Transitory Life and that it is appointed for all men once
 to die, do make Constituted and Ordain this my last Will &
 Testament to be performed in Manner and form following
 that is to say, First and principally I commend my soul into the
 hands of Almighty God who gave it me, and my body
 to the Earth from whence it was taken, to be buried in a
 Decent Christian Burial, at the discretion of my Executors
 whom I shall hereafter Name and appoint. And as
 Touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased Almighty
 God to bless me in this life with I Give Dimitt and dispose
 of the same in Manner and form following; The first my
 Desire is that all my Lawful Debts be paid.

Item, I bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Brooks, the Land and
 Plantations whereon I now live with one third part of
 the rest of my Estate both Real and Personal during
 her Natural life or Widowhood and at her Death
 or Intermarriage to be equally divided amongst my
 four youngest Children (to wit) William Bird Brooks
 John Brooks Francis Hamstead Brooks and John Brooks
 Entitling the Land and Plantations whereon I now live which
 at my wife's Death or Intermarriage leave to be equally
 divided between my two Sons (to wit) William Bird Brooks
 and John Brooks and their Heirs

Item,

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William Lee Trustee for the year 1789

By Debit paid of
 By Commission at 3% Cash to Collector

By Balance due

1789	18	3
1790	16	1/2
203	16	1/2

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Smith Grace
 one Negro Woman Name Hannah and one Negro Boy named
 John Item I leave all the remaining part of my Estate
 in the hands of my wife until my son William Bird
 Brooks shall arrive to the age of Twenty one years and then
 to be equally divided among my four youngest Children
 (to wit) William Bird Brooks John Brooks Francis Hamstead
 Brooks and John Brooks except my wife should intermarry
 before my son William Bird Brooks arrives to the age of
 Twenty one years, and then and in that case my will
 and desire is that the division should be made at her
 Intermarriage. Lastly I appoint my beloved
 wife Sarah Brooks, and my son in law Solomon
 Graves, Whole and Sole Executors and Executor of this my
 Last Will and Testament to be performed, All which
 I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal
 this third day of October in the year of our Lord One
 Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty nine

Signed Seal Published & Delivered

in presence of

H. Smith (Clerk)

Solomon Graves (Clerk)

The Execution of this Will was duly proved
 in Open Court by the Oaths of H. Smith and Solomon Graves, two
 Subscribing Witnesses thereof, and Matton Owsen to be recorded,
 At the same time Solomon Graves qualified Executor.

Done at Newburyport
 17th November 1789