

In the name of God Amen I Jacob Brody of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina do hereby make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all former wills by me at any other time heretofore made and first of all I commend my soul to the holy keeping of the living who create it and my body to be buried in a decent Christianlike manner. & to my worldly estate I give and dispose of as follows

First To my beloved wife I leave during her natural life one third part of all my lands. as many of my Slaves as she may think proper to keep to depend upon her for choice also my carriage and a horse her choice and as much of the household and Tithen Furniture Stock of cattle Hops and Hogs as she may desire

2nd To my daughter Elizabeth to and my son Ender E I give and bequeath all my lands including the conveyance of the lands leased to my wife in the first clause of my will to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs forever.

3rd All the balance of my property I give to all my children and to the children of my daughter Katherine the whole of it to be sold by my Executors and divided equally amongst my children and my said grand-children my said grand-children to have amongst them all no more than one share. And that my Negroes be divided amongst all my children and and share alike and my said grand children to have one share of said negroes.

4th At the death of my wife it is my desire that all the property which I have leased her be sold by my Executors and divided amongst all my children and my said grand children according to the limitation mentioned in the third clause of this my will 5th It is my will that all my children

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to whom I have already or may hereafter make ad-
vancements shall deliver to my Executors a Schedule
thereof before they shall be entitled to take any thing
under this will and that the value of said advancements
shall be deducted from their share. And such ad-
vancements as I made to my daughter Katharine
in her life-time are in like manner to be deducted from
the share of her children

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
this 12th of Nov^r 1842.

Signed sealed and acknowledged

in presence of
Leffe Smith (Emk.)

Richard Brooks (Emk.)

Joab Brooks - Seal

I appoint my worthy friends J. T. Brooks, John R. Albee
& Solomon Bray Executors to this my last will and testament

Wethersham County May Term 1843.

This Certifies that the foregoing last will and
Testament of Joab Brooks was proved in open
Court by the oaths of Leffe Smith & Richard Brooks
the subscribing witnesses sworn to be sundry
whereupon J. T. Brooks, J. R. Albee & Sol Bray
Executors therein named appeared in open Court &
duly qualified as such Administrators &c.