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North Carolina, Chatham County
15th August 1837

I Larkin Brooks being sick and weak in body, do make this my last will and Testament viz: I give the tract of Land whereon I now live to my three sons Thomas, John M. Brooks and Larkin and desire it to be divided so as to make them equal in value, including the land I had given to my son Thomas before, so that share may be as much of the tract and added to what he owns as to make them of equal value, I M. Brooks is to have where I now live and Larkin where he lives, if they cannot divide it between themselves I desire they may get two or three of the neighbors freeholders and do it for them, it is my desire that these three boys, Thomas, John M. & Larkin shall pay over to their brother Leab Brooks, one hundred dollars a piece, say Thomas Brooks pays one hundred dollars, John M. Brooks is to pay one hundred dollars, Larkin Brooks is to pay one hundred dollars, Item, I live to my wife Catherine Brooks the mansion house and all the out houses that she may need and as much land as she may be able to cultivate, and I leave to her two negroes say Elijah and Maryan, one horse one cow and calf, two feather beds and furniture, my sideboard, Desk & cupboard with it generally contains all the kitchen furniture to have the said property her lifetime and at her death to be divided as the rest of my surplus estate, Item, I give to my daughter Patsy T. Culberson one negro girl by the name of Ligua, Item, I give to my daughter Betty B. Munrosh one negro girl named Moriah and a horse worth sixty dollars and a cow & calf making all my daughters equal viz: it is my desire that all the rest of my estate be equally divided between all my children say Thomas Brooks and Parker Brooks Leab Brooks, John M. Brooks, and Larkin Brooks and Polly Culberson, Peggy Headen & Patsy T. Culberson and Betty B. Munrosh, all but my son Parker Brooks and he must pay to his brother Leab Brooks one hundred dollars out of his part of the surplus of my estate it is my desire that Thomas Brooks and John M. Brooks be sole Executors of this my last will and Testament signed and sealed in the presence of

Larkin Brooks

William Page }
H. Page }
W. Page }

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This certifies that the fore-
going last will and testament of Larkin Brooks
was proved in open Court by the oaths of William
Page and W. J. Page the subscribing witnesses
thereof, and ordered to be recorded: whereupon
Thomas Brooks and John M. Brooks the Executors
therein named appeared in open Court and
were duly qualified.

Teste W. Stedman C. C. C.

In the name of God Amen! I Parish Crops of the
County of Chatham and State of North Carolina
being in a feeble state of body & health but in a proper
and disposing state of mind, thanks be to God for the
same, do make ordain and publish this my last
will and testament in the following manner to
wit: I give my body to the earth from whence it
came to be buried in decent, Christian burial, not
ing doubting but that I shall receive the same a-
gain in the morning of the resurrection, And I
recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God
who gave it, and as to my earthly goods and Chattels
I give and dispose of them in manner and form
as hereinafter mentioned

Item 1st I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth one
one Sott of Land containing ninety acres which
I purchased from William Petty, also other Sott
of Land, which I purchased from William Butrell,
whereon the dwelling house I now live in stands
also one other Sott of Land which I purchased from
William Boylan containing fifty three acres all
of which I lend to her during her natural life. I
also lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth one third of
my mills on Buckhorn Creek during her natural