State of North Carolina
Gaston County. In the name of God, Amen, I Jonas Brooks of said County and State, Being of feeble health but of sound mind & memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly Existance do make this my last will & Testament in manner and form as follows, Viz: I give my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be buried according to the wishes of my friends.

1st I desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executor to be hereinafter named out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part and parcel of my Estate.

2nd I bequeath to my beloved wife Jenney my bureau and desk, one pine table, and chest, two bedsteads bedding & furniture, five chairs and all the kitchen furniture, consisting of one pot, deep skillet & frying pan & lids, also one water bucket, also one plough & plough gears, one set of black smith tools & some other tools,

3rd I bequeath to the same my wife, all my ale my interest in the present growing crop of corn and cotton also a small quantity of oats,

4th I do hereby appoint John L. Carson my trusty friend to Execute this my last Will & Testament, Given this 8, day of July 1869, in presence of

J. M. Hanna & W. D. Hanna

his
Jonas + Brooks (Seal)
mark

in the present growing crop of Corn and Cotton also a Small quantity of oats;

4th I do hereby appoint John L. Carson my lawful friend to Execute this my Last Will & Testament, Given this 8, day of July 1869, in presence of his
James + Brooks (Seal)
mark

J. M. Hanna & W. D. Hanna

State of North Carolina / In the Probate Court for said County Nov 29, 1869
Gaston County / This day the within paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of the late James Brooks deed late of Gaston County was offered for Probate in said Court by J. L. Carson the Executor therein named; and after due Examination & upon the oaths of J. M. Hanna & W. D. Hanna subscribing witnesses thereto; the same said paper writing was proved to be the Last Will & Testament of the late said deceased, for the aforesaid subscribing witnesses thereto upon their oaths said & declared that they did see the late said deceased sign, seal, publish and declare the said paper writing to be his Last Will & Testament; and at the time thereof he was of sound and disposing mind and memory, & that he did it without any force fear or compulsion; and thereupon the said within named Executor J. L. Carson duly qualified to Execute said Will

C. H. Wilkins Probate Judge