

Will of Jacob Brooks

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Item I give to my son Benjamin four hundred acres of land lying on the south side of the old road my lower corner Elm Lock art. line thence up the old road to the south line to contain the complement.

Item I give to my daughter Charity Brooks one bed and furniture a washstand and dressing table one chest one hunting saddle and bridle also one negro woman by the name of Selvy

Item I give the balance of lands to three sons (to wit) John Mills Brooks, James Stevens Blackman Brooks, Simon Brooks and the rest of my land to be divided amongst the above children as my executor thinks proper it is further my will that all my just debts should be paid and after my children above mentioned should send a schedule of all property they have heretofore received. I wish the balance of my estate to be equally divided among them all except sixty dollars to my two youngest sons to school them and also my two sons bound Joseph W. Brooks and James Stevens B. Brooks to Micajah Ridgette and Benjamin Brooks.

Item It is my will that my executor thinks best to sell all or any part of my land given to the heirs and divide the

money the land is sold for among my heirs it is let to, I constitute and appoint my worthy friends Allen S. Ballenger & Micajah Ridgette my solicitors as my executors and I do acknowledge this my last will and testament Oct 25th 1822 in the presence of us

Wedin Sauls
B. G. Avery

Jacob Brooks Seal

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