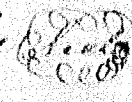


in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the fourth Day of Nov
Annals 1822

Signed, sealed, Delivered, Proved
and Declared by the said James Brooke.
to be his Last Will and Testament in
the presence of the

James I. B. Brooke 
mark

Andrew Speer
John W. Longino

North Carolina, Henry County February Term 1822.
Andrew Speer and John W. Longino the Witnesses to the Last Will & Testament
of James Brooke, do hereby make oath that they saw the said James Brooke sign
Publish and Declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament and that he was
of sound disposing mind and memory and that he did it freely and without
compulsion. And on motion it was ordered to be Recorded.

Recorded Accordingly W. J. Williams Clerk

In the Name of God Amen

I, Michael Gordon of Henry County in the State of North Carolina, being
being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, calling
into mind the mortality of man and knowing that it is now destined for all
Men to die, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, bearing
to say, first of all I commend my soul to my Creator, who gave it, and my Body
to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executors
as to my worldly Estate, whereunto it has pleased God to bestow me, I give and be-
queath the same in the following manner.

1. My Wife Anne Magdalena keep her possession and Management of my
Plantation and Land, till my second son John George arrives to his full

My eldest son Christian, shall till that time continue to stay with his mother, and at all times take particular care of her and make her life comfortable. The rest of all my Children, shall have full right to live with their mother unmolested, as long as she shall like to have them about her, or on the other hand, as long as she shall like to live with her, in the present Dwelling House, where she shall live as a Widow without Hindrance or Molestation as long as she shall live; and shall have and hold all my house furniture during her natural Life.

2^d As soon as my second son John George arrives to his full Age, then my Plantation shall be divided into two parts, whereof my Eldest son Christian shall have that part, wherein the present Dwelling House stands, and my second son John George the upper Part thereof. Then these two sons shall choose themselves two Arbitrators, who shall to the best of their knowledge appraise and value both Pieces of the said Plantation one against the other, and the real Value of both Pieces shall be divided in such a manner, that first of all my Wife Anne Magdalen shall have the third part of said Appraised Valuation and all my Children shall have share and share alike. Provided Nevertheless, that nothing can or shall be done before my second son John George arrives to his full age.

3^d Of all my stock of Cattle my Wife Anne Magdalen shall have the first Choice thereof, to choose at her own Discretion one horse and one Cow, all the rest is to be divided amongst all my Children, share and share alike.

4th After my Plantation is thus Divided appraised and Valued and my two sons Christian and John George take Possession of said Plantation then they shall have to pay to each of the four remaining Children their Dues in the following manner, Viz. as soon as one of the four Children named Anne Maria, Mary Magdalen, John Michael, and Elizabeth shall leave the Mother and begin Housekeeping for them selves they shall then have paid unto them or any one of them the half part of his or her share and portion, and the other half part after the Death of their Mother in the manner aforesaid by my above named sons Christian and John George.

5th And I do hereby make, ordain and constitute my dear Wife Anne Magdalen and my trusty and beloved friend Adam Shanks Secretary of this my last Will and Testament, and do hereby disannul and make void all former Wills either in Writing or by the word of mouth, ratifying and confirming this &c.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and seal this fourth Day
of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty three,

Signed, sealed, pronounced
and declared in the presence of

Joseph Buttzbeck

John Humm

Mar. Elizabeth Lublin

Michael Gerber 