Mary Brooks last will & Testament

In the name of God, amen, I Mary Brooks of the County of Union & State of North Carolina being of a sound disposing mind & memory thanks be to God & calling to mind my mortality do make & ordain this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form following

Item 1st It is my will and I give & bequeath unto my son John Brooks one dollar

Item 2nd It is my will and I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Polk one dollar

Item 3rd It is my will & I give & bequeath unto my grand children, my daughter Jane Carlock's children one dollar to be devided between equally

Item 4th It is my will & I give & bequeath unto my son William Brooks one dollar

Item 5th It is my will & I give & bequeath unto my two daughters Sydia & Lucy all my wearing apparal at my death

Item 6th It is my will & I give and bequeath unto my son Calvin Brooks one bed & sted & furniture

Item 7th After all my just debts be payed & the portions willed above taken out with all expences. It is then my will that the balance of my property both real & personal be put into five equal lots & valued so as to make them equal in valuation which shall be done by two disinterested men selected by my Executor & drawn for by my five youngest Children to wit, Davidson Brooks Cullen Brooks Sydia Brooks Lucy Brooks Calvin Brooks. I give and bequeath the above property to my above five named youngest Children as above directed

Item 8th I hereby nominate and appoint my truely son Cullen Brooks

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Item 5th I hereby nominate and appoint my County Son Cullen Brooks the Executor of this my last will and testament and Hereby disanulls & revoke all wills heretofore by me made and hereby establish this my only proper true last will & testament

In Witness whereof I Mary Brooks have hereunto set my hand & seal this 18th day of June 1847.

Witness
Geo Little Sr.
J. W. Smith Sr.

Mary her + mark Brooks (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & quarter sessions
Union County } July Term 1852

I James McStewart Clerk of Union County Court do Hereby Certify that the above instrument of writing the last will and testament of Mary Brooks was duly proven in Open Court by Geo. Little & J. W. Smith the Subscribing witnesses thereto and recorded. Whereupon Letters testamentary issued to Cullen Brooks the Ex therein named he duly sworn

J. McStewart Clk