

Will: Fletcher Mathews Brooks

Will of Fletcher M Brooks, Orange County New York; written 24 October 1861; probated November 1861.

In the name of God Amen. I Fletcher M Brooks of Hamptonburgh in the County of Orange and State of New York . .

First I order and direct . . pay all my just debts

Second - To my daughter Hetty Elizabeth Brooks I give and bequeath the silver tea set and silver plate marked "FMB" now being in my dwelling house. Also my gold watch marked "HE" which was formerly the property of my sister.

Third - To my son Fletcher M Brooks Junior I give and bequeath my silver patent lever watch.

Fourth - To my daughter Catherine Brooks I give and bequeath the sum of one thousand dollars.

Fifth - All the rest and residue of my personal property and all real estate whatsoever name or description I give, devise and bequeath to my said son Fletcher M Brooks and my said daughter Hetty Elizabeth Brooks in equal shares share and share alike, but if either of my said children Fletcher M or Hetty Elizabeth shall die before attaining the age of twenty one years and without leaving lawful issue surviving, then in that case I give, devise and bequeath the property and share hereinbefore given to the one so dying, to the survivor of my said children, to have and to hold the same . . . in the case both of my said children Fletcher M and Hetty Elizabeth shall die before attaining the age of twenty one years and without leaving lawful . . in that case I give, devise and bequeath the property hereinbefore bequeathed to them to my said daughter Catherine Brooks,

and I further declare my will to be that if agreeable to my wife Phebe she and my said children shall remain on and occupy the house and premises on which I now reside . . .

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friends Elliott Strong, John Knight and Nathan W Howell executors of this my last will and testament . . Fletcher M Brooks

witnesses - BR Champion, John E Howell, both of Goshen, Orange county New York

Note -

. . Fletcher M Brooks [jr], Hetty Elizabeth Brooks and Catharine Brooks, heirs and next of kin of said deceased are minors - Samuel Wilkins of Hamptonburgh appointed special guardian.

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