

Will of James Books

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I James Brooks the Elder of Warminster in the County of Wilts Innholder do hereby revoke and make void all and every Will and Wills Testament and Testaments made by me at any time heretofore made and declare this to be and contain my only last Will and Testament as follows first I will that my Debts and funeral Expences be Paid and satisfied Also I give and bequeath unto my Wife Ann Brooks my best Bed Bedstead and furniture and all the Plate I had with her on our intermarriage Also I give unto my said Wife Ann Brooks the Sum of ffive hundred Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain to be Paid to her immediately after my Death Also I give unto my Daughters Ann and Elizabeth and to my Son William the Sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds of like Money to be paid to him immediately after my Death Also I forgive release and discharge unto my Son James Brooks All Sum and Sums of Money due and owing from him Also all the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Monies Securities for Money Goods Chattels and Effects Real and Personal Estate whatsoever wheresoever and of what nature or kindsoever which I am in any ways intituled unto I give devise and bequeath the same and every Part thereof unto my friends George Lye of Warminster aforesaid Baker William Davis of the same place Grocer Stephen Hunt of Warminster aforesaid Malster and the said Ann Brooks my Daughter their Heirs Executors and Administrators In Trust to Sell and dispose of such Part of my Estate as is not already in Money And the Monies arising by Sale thereof together with all Other my Money to Pay and divide unto and amongst my Sons James Brooks George Brooks and William Brooks and my Daughters Ann Brooks and Elizabeth Brooks in equal shares and proportions and my will is that my said Trustees be put to no costs nor to be Answerable for each Others Acts Lastly I hereby make nominate and Appoint them the said George Lye William Davis Stephen Hunt and Daughter Ann Brooks Joint Executors and Executrix of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this seventh Day of July in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety three James Brooks

(Attestation Clause)

William Langly _ Richard Heal _ Matt Davies

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