

fifty acres more or less to him and his
 heirs forever in this answer to the age
 or twenty one or marriage I also give
 unto my son Benjamin half the
 land I have in Kentucky. Also seven
 hundred and fifty acres land my
 father did possess of in Cumberland
 County called the poplar Springs
 which has been claimed by Mr. Hare
 unjustly since my father's death which
 I think there is right to restore to my
 father. Likewise I give my son Benjamin
 three lots of land in the town of
 Matham which I claim as heirs to my
 father. Also I give him my silver
 Spoon Gun Book sword and watch
 Also his bay coat, light foot & my saddle
 &c. I give unto my son Joseph and
 his heirs forever in his answer at the
 age of his majority or marries my tract
 of land in Cowhatch County and
 Cumberland I brought by William

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 Maddeas (not naming) two hundred and
 fifty acres more or less. I give unto
 my two youngest sons. Allen Howard and
 William Epps all my lands I formerly
 laid on that is the lands I purchased
 of John Hughes after their mother's death
 and all my lands adjoining it. I get of
 my mother Howard and as it is
 laid off more or less, I mean to give to
 them and their heirs forever, at the time they
 arrive at full age or marry to be equally
 divided between them as to quality & quantity
 Also I give unto my daughter two young
 sons Allen Howard and William Epps the other
 half of my land in Kentucky to them and
 their heirs forever and at the time they come
 at full age or marry to be equally
 divided between them as to quality
 & quantity. I also give unto my daughter
 Rebekah my negro boy named
 Mancel to her and her heirs I give
 to my daughter Mary my negro boy
 named Ned her and her heirs I give
 unto my daughter Lucy and her heirs

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my negro boy named John the
my third wife during her natural
life the tract of land I purchased
of John Hughes and my three
holding 63 Gall's which land (and
personal estate but my wife
as above is meant and intended
to be in lieu of her right of dower
in and to any other part of my
estate. The remaining part of
my estate and the remaining part
of my house hold & kitchen furniture
together with whatsoever part
of my estate I may have at the time of my death
my Executors may think
proper to sell what I shall
hereafter empower them to do,
I have equally divided among my
seven ^{children} children, (Benjamin, Joseph,
Allen, Howard, William, Ephraim,
Mary and Lucy), something
in this bequest to my two Daughters
Elizabeth and Ann having given

them in my life time, what part of my estate
I intended & intent to give them in ~~my~~
~~of my estate~~ which estate left my seven
youngest children as above when divided
I gave to my them and their heirs forever
which division shall take place as follows
that is to say they are just fully arrived to the
age of twenty one or many that is my wife
or children which shall first happen do
then my dower their proportion of my negroes
and all personal estate be collected of
for his or her proportion and the remainder
be kept together in a Common Stock till
a second be married or arrive at the age
of 21 years or marry and then to have his
or her proportion collected as above divided
& so on till the whole of my estate be
divided. It is not my desire that my
Daughters should be Compelled to leave
the proportion of my estate from the Common
Stock on their marriage & at the age of
twenty one years (unless they marry or share
it) so as to be deprived of my home & my
welfare that either of my daughters may
have us with to continue here together

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wish them to take their proportion out
I do hereby empower my executors
hereafter named to sell any part
of my estate ^{Stock} they shall or they may sell
that part of my land called above
the little road that was between
Francis Stedger that is from
the Buckingham road along the
little road till it runs to Shipwreck
Corner along the little road (and adjoin-
ing) my & Harries I suppose to be
about thirty acres to my share it
to be surveyed and it to be sold if it
will sell for thirty Shillings per acre
in the course of two or three years from
the date hereof and not without (and
the monies arising from such sales
to be applied towards purchasing
young negroes and worked on my
lands with the rest of my negroes

and divided as before directed that is
among my seven youngest children and if
either of my sons die under age and without heirs
to my share the lands given them in this will
shall be equally divided amongst his surviving
brothers and their proportions being equally divided
amongst his surviving brothers and their propor-
tions of personal estate & I left them to be
equally divided amongst them his surviv-
ing Brothers and Sisters I mean my
seven youngest children and if either
of my daughters die under age and without
heirs to my share the proportions of what
they are entitled to under this my will
be equally divided amongst her surviving
brothers and Sisters omitting in those
two branches my two Daughters Elizabeth
and Ann having given them all I
intended in my life time I have under
my daughter Elizabeth my three negroes
Isabelle Ben & Sam during her natural
life and to be given by her amongst
her children as to her my three negroes
and right the three negroes to my daughter

has in possession I having delivered ^{up} ^{to} ^{him}
387 ^{to} ^{him} ^{two} ^{years} ^{ago} I lent unto ^{my}
daughter and my negroes. My son
Bromfield during her natural
life and to be given by her at death
time and amongst her children as
to her share I am well and right
hus of the negroes named Abby
which she has now in possession
I having lent them to her in my
lifetime, and the other boy Bromfield
is now in my own possession in
case of a dispute amongst my child-
ren or wife respecting them the division
of my estate is my choice they shall
refer to my executor hereafter named
whom I do empower to settle
such disputes as may arise accord-
ing to what they conceive or think to
be the true intent and meaning
of this my will it is my desire
whereas there have been no laws

for the decision of such persons, I do
388 ^{hereby} ^{empower} ^{them} ^{that} ^{the} ^{executors} ^{shall} ^{and}
are hereby empowered to decide according
to what they conceive or think to be the true
intent and meaning of this my last will
and testament, It is my will and desire that
if I become heir to any part of my brother
John's estate it be equally divided amongst
my seven children before named and as
my daughter Elizabeth and son, having given
them what I intended in my lifetime
Further it is my will and desire that what
I have a right to by Mrs Joseph Shollens
will may be sued for directly and divided
amongst my seven young children before
named equally, Further there is a false
report prevailing that I am going to be
sued for the land I left my son Benjamin
in which I thought of John Blake and
since have bought it again of Christian
Mowdith by deed bearing date the 5th
day of August 1791, which if proved
to be a bad right so that he loseth it
that case I desire that John Blake

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389 and Wm Gibson Marriell &
Desire that John Black may be both
Sund and if a my son Ben cannot
renew of them both the value of his land
its my desire when can be renewed of
them both may be added to to all
my lands I hold und divided equally
amongst my four sons as to quality (an
quantity) but that not to be without
my son ^{Benjamin} takes his Land I left to him as
above I give unto my daughter Rachel
her choice of all my young mares and
her saddle and Bridle, Further
I desire that no appraisement of my estate
lastly I do appoint my brother Francis
Epps Harris guardian to all my children
& Executors to this my last will and testament
together with my brothers Edward
Harris Benjamin Harris & Richard H
& Francis Epps Esquire of Chesapeake
Co. Lt. William Littleberry Maloy Jr
Esq and my wife Executors

Further I desire my son Benjamin and
May be one of my Exrs when he arrives to
full age of twenty one year working all
with by me heretofore make and pack
and lodge this to be my last will and testament
as witness my hands and seal this
thirtieth day of August one thousand
Seven hundred and ninety one
Signed & Sealed in presence of us
Joseph Harris
Francis M. Dodge Jr } At a Court held
John P. Dodge } for Potomac County
William H. Moody } at Scuttsville on Thursday
the eighth day of October
One thousand Seven hundred and ninety two
The last will and testament of Joseph Harris
deceased was presented in to Court and
Proved by the oath of William H. Moody
& witness there and Confirmed to be Content
and at one other time Court held for
the said County on Thursday the fifth day
of November one thousand Seven hundred
and ninety two the same was again
presented in to Court and proved by the
oath of Francis M. Dodge a rather

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another witness There to and certified
be recorded Test. H. Crump clerk

Virginia, Purchaser County Clerk,
I being Purchaser Clerk of the
County Court of the aforesaid County
do certify that the foregoing is a
true copy the last will and testament
of Joseph Harris deceased recorded in the
aforesaid Court

 In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and
joined the seal of my County to be annexed
this thirteenth day of September 1806
17 years the undersigned
Jas. Pendexter clerk

Virginia to wit
I do hereby certify
that H. Crump who signed the annexed
Certificate was the former clerk of Purchaser
County Court & that Jas. Pendexter is the
present clerk of the said Court in this
Commonwealth, and full faith and
credit ought to be given to all things
by them respectively as such

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 Given under my hand
Governor under the of the
Commonwealth at Richmond the
tenth day of January 1807 Wm. H. Cabell

State of Kentucky }
Montgomery County } Sol.
I William Harrison clerk of the Court for
the County aforesaid do certify that this instrument
of writing purporting that the instrument
of writing purporting to be a copy of the
last will and testament of Joseph Harris
Deceased was lodged in my office and
a copy of the same together with the original
thereof annexed is duly entered of record

Given under my hand this 13th
day of June 1809 & in the 18th year
of the Common wealtth
Wm. Harrison