

The uncertainty of life under it proper that every man such make whilst in health and sound intellect such disposition of the property of which he may be possessed as would be most pleasing to him, relieving his family & friends from the unpleasant expedient, when in hour of sickness & death. Under the influence of this opinion I make this my will and Testament I give to my wife Sarah a Childs proportion in all the personal estate & debts I hold and in the real property in W. Va. and in my interest in the estate of Co. James Harper deceased of Norfolk in Norfolk.

To my three children George Guithar Harper, Wm. A. Harper & Catharine Ann Harper the balance of the Interests of the estates in W. Va. and in Norfolk both real & personal and my three farms in Kentucky equally to be divided between them, and all other property of every description to which I may or might be entitled by reversion or otherwise. I giving my property thus equally & conjointly between them, I trust that it will not be the cause of any division or family feuds amongst them as has been with my Brothers & Sisters, but that they will alone be able actuated by mutual affection & love for each other, I would recommend that should any difficulty arise about a division that the difference be decided by lot or drawing, thus suffering fortune to decide for them what their judgments cannot do. It is expressly to be understood that none of my concessions be these sister aunts & Uncles & their children down to the third and fourth generations are to enjoy, or possess any part or parcel of any property I possess & might be possessed of by right of reversion or otherwise, but that it is only to be possessed by as before advised & that in case of extinction of heirs on the part of my wife Sarah Harper & my children George Guithar Harper, Wm. A. Harper & Catharine Harper, that then my property of any left shall revert to the mechanics relief society for the use & education of Poor Children of the institution. I leave my wife Sarah Harper my sole executrix to this my will signed & sealed this twenty sixth day of August eighteen hundred and twenty one

Wm. A. Harper

W. Phillips

W. White

W. Maguire

At a session of the Orphans Court for the County of Albemarle in the District of Columbia the second day of October 1821 this last Will

and Testament of William A. Harper deceased was presented to the Court by Sarah Harper the Executrix therein named, and proved in due form of law by William Phillips, William White and William Maguire Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And at a Court the 19th day of February 1822 Letters of Administration with the will annexed were granted to John Green he having ^{given} bond and security according to law, Sarah Harper the Executrix having departed this life

A. Moor
Reg. Will

Know all Men by these presents that we John Green, David Carr and Thomas Bird are held and firmly bound unto Robert Young Esquire, Judge of the Orphans Court for the County of Albemarle in the District of Columbia and his successors in office in the sum of twelve hundred & hundred Dollars lawful money of the United States to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this 19th day of February 1822

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden John Green shall well and truly perform the office of Administrator with the will annexed of William A. Harper late of Albemarle County deceased according to law and shall in all respects discharge the duty of him required by law as Administrator aforesaid, without any injury or damage to any person interested in the faithful performance of said office then the above obligation shall cease, it shall otherwise remain in full force and virtue in law

Sealed & Delivered

in presence of
the Court

John Green
David Carr
Thomas Bird