

In the Name of God Amen I Groves Harding of the Parish
and County of Amherst do make and Ordain this to be my Last Will and
Testament Viz: I desire that all my just Debts be fully paid
Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son Edward Harding Three hundred
Acres of Land known by the Name of Roberts Tract the Land where he
now Dwells on and one Negro Boy Named ^{Sam} to him and his heirs forever
Item I give and Bequeath to my Son John Harding four hundred & Ten
Acres of Land, the Land and Plantation now dwell on also a Negro
Boy Named Tumbler to him and his heirs forever, Item I give &
Bequeath to my Daughter Betsey Harding one Negro Girl named
Hannor, Item I give unto my Daughter Sally Harding one
Negro Girl Named ~~Stitia~~ ^{Stitia}, Item I give and Bequeath unto my
Daughter Lucy Harding one Negro Boy Named John, I desire
that the three following Negroes Jack, Wise, and Moses to be kept
kept together till my Son John Harding comes of Age then the
same to be Divided and their Increase Equally among my Children
Edward, Betsey, Sally, Lucy and John Harding Item I give
unto my four Youngest Children Betsey, Sally, John and Lucy
Harding all my Household Goods my Stocks of all kinds and all
and Singular the Remander of my Estate to be Equally Divided
between them in the following manner Viz: when Either of my said
Children Betsey, Sally, Lucy or John Harding should be of age or
Many then three Neighbors shall Divide the said Remander of my
Estate into four Equal lots and give one fourth to such Child and so
on untill the whole be Divided and Delivered to each Child as they
May or Come of Age, Item it is also my Will that if my Son John
should Die without Issue then the four hundred and Ten Acres of
Land and Negro Boy named Tumbler to be Divided between my three
Daughters Betsey, Sally, and Lucy Harding to them and their
heirs forever. Lastly I constitute and appoint my well beloved
friends James Neill, Nicholas Cabell and Stephen Turner
Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and do hereby
Revoke and Disannul all and every other former Wills by me
made Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and
Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

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and Seal this 20th Day of July 1781.

Groves Harding L.S.

Sealed signed & Delivered

In presence of us

Thomas Farrar, Samuel Ward ^{his} S.W.
Susanah ^{her} Ward, James Nail ^{mark} Junr,

At a Court Continued and held for Amherst County the Second Day of April 1782,

This Last Will and Testament of Groves Harding Deceased was, Presented in Court by Nicholas Cabell and Stephen Turner Executors therein named who made oath thereto agreeable to Law and was proved by the oath of Samuel Ward and James Nail Jr. Witnesses thereto, and the said Executors with Samuel Meredith and Charles Christian their Sureties Entered into & Acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of Two thousand Pounds, and the said Will was Ordered to be Recorded. Test. Edm^d. Willcox Clk

We the undersigned, Men by these presents that We Nicholas Cabell, Stephen Turner, Samuel Meredith and Charles Christian are held and firmly bound to William Cabell, Zacharias Taliaferro, Ambrose Rucker, David Crawford, and Gabriel Penn Gent. Justices of the Court of Amherst County, unto the sum of Two thousand Pounds - To the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said Justices and their successors, we Bind our selves, and each of us our and each of our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with with our Seals this 2^d Day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty two and in the Sixth year of the Commonwealth

The Condition of this Obligation is Such that if the above Bound Nicholas Cabell and Stephen Turner Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Groves Harding Deceased, do make or Cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and Singular the Goods Chattles and Credits of the said Deceased which have or shall come to the hands, Possession or knowledge of the said Nicholas Cabell and Stephen Turner or into the hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for them, and the same so made do Exhibit into the Court