

The State of Alabama)  
Wilcox County  
County of Buckingham and State of Virginia, being ad-  
vanced to a considerable length of years, being now in  
my seventy seventh and knowing assuredly the frailty of  
this mortal body and that the dissolution of my frail  
life is shortly to be disposed, I give thanks to God for  
all His mercies, more especially for bestowing on me at  
this time natural sense and disposing mind and memory, &  
in order to prevent any disputes or contentions amongst  
my children after my decease respecting the little inter-  
est God has intrusted of this world's goods under my  
care, think it necessary to make the following items as  
my last will and testament. And in the first place I  
leave to my belived wife Anne the whole of my estate,  
both real & personal after paying my just debts, but my  
wife Anne Harriss now in case she should survive me she  
would not be content to live on neither of my tracts of  
land in that case my will and desire is that my lands  
be sold by my executor hereafter named. Either private  
or public sale as they may think most for the interest  
of my family, and after the decease of my wife my will  
and desire is that Remainder of my Estate shall justly  
divided amongst my children or their heirs as I shall  
direct in the following Items. I give bequeath and  
devise unto my son Jack Harris his heirs forever one  
Eighth part of my Estate after the death of his Mother  
Anne Harriss, only as I have given him one Negro lad  
named Matt I think worth one hundred pounds, my will and  
desire is that that sum be deducted from his proportion.  
Item I give bequeath and devise unto my daughter Elizabeth  
Ford and the heirs of her body forever one Eighth part



of my estate after the death of her mother Anne Harriss, and as I conceive I advanced her in property about the time of her marriage the worth of forty one pounds and since that a Negro girl Amy worth one hundred pounds, my will and desire is that the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds be deducted from her proportion. Item, I give and bequeath and devise unto my son Walter Harriss and his heirs forever one eighth part of my Estate after the death of his Mother, only as I conceive I have advanced him in some of my Newport land and other property to the amount of seventy six pounds my will is that sum be deducted from his proportion. I give bequeath & devise unto my daughter Mary Maxey and the heirs of her body one eighth part of my estate after the death of her Mother, only as I conceive I advanced her about the time of her marriage about forty dollars and since that a Negro girl named Hannah worth one hundred pounds my will is that the sum of one hundred and twelve pounds be deducted from her proportion, the remainder to come to her and her heirs forever. Item, I give, bequeath and devise unto my daughter Martha Clopton Harriss one eighth part of my Estate extra of the Negro Girl Louisa given to her already in the County Court of Buckingham after the death of her Mother to her and her heirs forever. Item, I give, bequeath, and devise to my daughter Jane Henry McReynolds and her heirs forever one eighth part of my estate after the death of her Mother, only as I conceive I have advanced her towards housekeeping say the worth of forty dollars and then a Negro girl Miller worth one hundred pounds my will is that the sum of one hundred and twelve pounds be deducted from her proportion. Item, I give bequeath & devise unto my son Diognoid Harriss and to his heirs forever one eighth part of my Estate after the death of his Mother, only as I conceive I have advanced him in a Negro girl named Maria worth one hundred pounds, my will and desire is that one hundred pounds shall be deducted from his proportion. I have reason to believe my son William Diognoid Harriss has acted imprudently and contracted many prodigal wanton debts while he lived in single life he is now married and has one son called George Francis Harriss and his prospect is good to raise a numerous family. My will is that no part of my Estate shall be subject to the payment of any of his debts to this end. My will is that one eighth part of my estate deposited in the hands of my Executors hereinafter named as a means for the support of William I. Harriss in Support & raising his family after the death of his Mother with a deduction of Two hundred I advanced him Some years ago to set him up in business. I also stand security for



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his to John McReynolds for Eighty six dollars and interest which sum if my Estate has to pay shall be deducted from his proportion. It is further my will and desire that my Executors purchase or cause to be purchased one Quarter or Half Quarter Section of United States Land in the State of Alabama, Wilcox County, near Usguid and Francis for the benefit of the said William Harris and Family and at the death of the said W. H. Harris my will and desire is that the said property shall descend to his children equally forever. I conceive I have already given my Son Francis in full his proportion of my Estate which he has had in possession years. Therefore my will is that he be excluded from any further proportion. I do appoint my wife Anne Harriss, my son-in-law John McReynolds, and Mr. Sam Jones of Buckingham Courthouse my true and Lawful Executors to execute this my last will and testament, revoking and disannulling all others heretofore made by me. Witnesseth I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my Seal this the sixteenth day of August (1826) Eighteen hundred & Twenty six.

Francis Harris (Seal)

Acknowledged as the last will & testament of Francis Harriss in the presence of us.

John Tindall, Senr.

John Tindall

The following codicil of me I desire to be considered as a part of the above Will and Testament. My son Walter having deceased before he became possessed of the above bequest, my will is that it shall equally descend to his surviving Children and their heirs forever.

John Tindall, Senr.

John Tindall

At a Court held for Buckingham County the 15th day of August 1827 this will and the codicil thereto annexed was proven by the oaths of the subscribing witnesses thereto and was sworn to by John McReynolds, one of the executors therein named, and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of the said Executor who entered into and acknowledged a bond with Security according to Law. Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Teste

R. Claridge [Eldridge] D.C.

A Copy Teste R. Claridge [Eldridge] C.B.C.

Francis Harriss will

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Filed October 25, 1850

J. S. Jackson J P C, WCC