

thereof in due form he having sworn to the same Given Bond
& Security according to Law, James being the other Executor in
the said Will, mentioned came into Court and refused to take
upon himself the burden of the Exec. thereof;

Teste Roger Dixon Clerk

Housom
Will } In the name of God Amen I Thomas Housom
of the Parish of Bromfield in the County of Culpeper & Colony
of Virginia, being very sick and weak but of a perfect mind &
memory thanks be given unto God; And calling to mind the
mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once
to die Do make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament; That is to
say, Principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the
hand of Almighty God who gave it, and my body I recommend
to the Earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial at the direction
of my Executors hereafter named Nothing doubting but at the General
Resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God
through

179 Through Jesus Christ my lawfull and absolute & undivided
Estate with which it hath pleased God to bless me, I give demise
& dispose of the same in the following manner & form:

After the payment of all my just debts funeral expences & burying
I give & bequeath out of the first & readiest of my personal estate
arising from the Interest of outstanding debts or the payment
of them To each of my Brothers John & William Harrison their
Alles in North Britain or their heirs forty Pounds Sterling to
be remitted them or their heirs by my executors or assigns of
exchange or otherwise. Culpeper County, Virginia Wills 1749-1778
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Brother Robert Harrison I give the further sum of forty pounds
Sterling or to his heirs in manner as above.

To my Loving Wife Betty Harrison during her natural life
and half the profits of all my estate real & personal under the
after mentioned restrictions and after the decease of my wife
I give and bequeath the same to my daughter Elizabeth
and the heirs of her body forever.

To my Daughter Elizabeth & the heirs of her body lawfully begotten

To my Daughter Elizabeth the heirs of her body lawfully begotten
I give & demise the other half of the profits of my Estate real &
personal and my Will is that during the Minority of my
Daughter whom I hereby declare to have a right to possess &
enjoy her half of my Estate before demised to her (but under
the following restraints) at the age of fourteen years that then
then the whole profits of all my Estate real & personal which
be allowed to the use of my loving Wife Betty Houston for the
joint & Mutual Support & the general Education of my Daughter
with this limitation that if my after named Executors or their
Successors shall find that the profits either of my Wife's half is
more than sufficient for her general maintenance & support then
my Daughter's half more than necessary for her maintenance &
education That then my Executors are empowered hereby to detain
from each of their parts such a proportion of the profits of my Estate
as they may think fit which part so detained I desire may be made
a Capital for increasing the estate, either by putting the same
out

180. All to interest or otherwise employing them as they shall judge most beneficial for my heirs

181. But whereas I have by a Marriage Contract bearing date the fourth day of October ^{in the year} One Thousand Seven hundred & Sixty Six settled on my beloved Wife, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Current Money to such Uses as by the said Settlement may Appear & have as above lent her during her Natural Life the profits of one half of my estate be as above Yet it is my free intent & Meaning that the above provision I have made for my Wife and Child shall be in lieu of what they may have a Right to by my Marriage Contract As also any other Child or Children that may be born nine Months after my decease, and in full Satisfaction of any Right, Title benefit Claim or Demand my Wife may make of or to the said Marriage Contract or any part thereof and also in full Satisfaction of Dower or Right of Dower she may have or claim to my Estate or any part thereof still leaving it to my Wife's free choice either to Accept of the Contract or the provision that I have made for her as above

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I have made for her as Above

19th I would my Wife marry again & my Daughter not be properly
sued or her education in any Manner Neglected My Will is
that my Executors do immediately Take my Daughter's half of the
profits of all my Estate into their possession & apply the same
to the Maintenance & education of S^d Daughter and to appoint
such guardian or guardians for her in the mean time as they
may think proper Still having regard to appropriate what
is more than sufficiently necessary to Accumulating the Capital
Stock

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20th In Case of the Marriage of my Daughter without her mothers
Consent or the Consent of the Executors or the Guardians by
them appointed I Will that my said daughter nor her
Husband in her Right shall Possess or enjoy any part or
portion of the Estate as above devised her nor of the Profits
Arising from the same untill she comes to the Years of twenty one,
complete nor shall it be in the power of my said Daughter by any
Application

484 Application to Court or by any other ways or means whatsoever to chuse
any Guardian or Guardians or any Trustee in her behalf but she is and
shall be ~~nominated & appointed~~ by the Executors alone.

And should my Daughter Elizabeth die before she comes to age or without
having lawfully begotten of her body My Will is that all the profits of my
estat. Real and personal shall be paid to my loving Wife Betty Harrison
during her Natural life with due regard to be had to the Restrictions
& Limitations as above Mentioned But in case of the death of all the
Children nine Months after my decease then the Executors or Survivors
of them all to enjoy equally or the whole of the estate as part of Coheirs
and their heirs forever.

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After the decease of my Wife Katherine if no heirs lawfully begotten of my
Daughter or any future Child of mine to be born of my Wife Elizabeth
nine Months after my decease or here from then My Will is that every
& singular part of my Estate Real & Personal may be converted by my
Executors into Bills of exchange or Assignments or in any other convenient
Part or place in North Britain and by them Tenants for the sole use and
benefit of my Brothers John & William Harrison and Thomas the son of
my Brother Richard Harrison in just & equal proportion among them
three and to the Heirs of each of them forever.

Three and to the Heirs of each of them forever.

It is my Will & decree that no part or portion of my estate whatever real or personal whether Land except one small tract on the blue ridge near Col. Lightfoots Negroes, Wells Batts, or any other outstanding debts of what or denomination or ought else that can or may be deemed a Capital of my estate is to be sold Mortgaged Alienated disposed or taken up but as hereafter directed on any Account whatever, but that each & every piece & separate part & portion of of it and now lies with the increase & profits of the same except for the Maintenance & support of my Wife, & the support & education of my Children as before mentioned. But to be kept together as a Capital till the whole comes to my Daughter & her heirs or to the Child or Children born to me as before mentioned or this Will or to their ^{heirs} Or to my two Brothers John & William or to the Son of my Brother Robert & their heirs.

And I further Will that my Executors do immediately after my decease Collect all debts due me under two hundred pounds Currency and to let out on Interest in large Sums on good Security such as they shall Approve. But as M^r. W^m. Lightfoot owes me a debt of above Three hundred pounds

282. I desire that my Executors do immediately all in their power
to recover M. Lightfoots Debt from him & his Securitys jointly &
severally without favour or Affection

In Case of the Death or removal of any after named Executor my
Will is that the Survivor or Remaining person do & is hereby empowered
to choose another Executor jointly with him of this my last Will and
Testament and the person so chosen is hereby invested with the same
power & Authority as if particularly mentioned in this.

And it is my express Will & desire that no person or persons do pretend
in any Manner to explain any Clause of this Will or to operate from
the rest but to construe the whole as in connection or to wrest it by
quibbles of Law to any other meaning than the plain Words will
allow in a Grammatical Sense Nor is there any Advantage to be taken
to the disadvantage of my heir or heirs before named for want of
form or those Modes of expression in such Cases used,

And I hereby constitute & appoint my truly & faithful friends viz John
Haughter and M^r Samuel Henning jointly & severally Executors and
Trustees of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking & thereby
disannulling & disannulling all & every other former Testament Wills & any
Requests & Executors by me in any Ways before named without their consent

And abating & annulling all & every other former Testament Wills & bequest
Requests & Executors by me in any Ways before made with or bequeathed
Satisfying and confirming this to be my last Will & Testament
contained on this and the four preceding pages In Testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 24th day of March Anno 18
1769.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said
Thomas Houston as and for his last Will & Testament
in the presence of us who in his presence & presence
of each have hereunto subscribed our Names

Tho Houston 18

Will: Meldrum

Wm. Roberts Junr

John Brown Junr

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I Will that Richard Pollard be an Executor
of this my last Will & Testament in case of
the Death or removal of M^r Samuel Henning
with the same power as he had
T. H.

Memorandum, Before the Executing the above Will & Testament the the
seal was fixed I have considered that I received with my loving Wife Betty
Houston two Negroe Boys one named Charles of about 8 or 9 Years of Age the
other Martin About four Years old Now I desire that the said two Negroes
may be delivered up to my said Wife to possess during her natural life, & should
my Daughter die without issue that then my Wife may dispose of them
as

183. As she thinks fit as her own property, but in case, of death of my Daughter, or any future Child or Children then alive at the decease of my Wife; then she negroes to revert to her him or them, But should my Wife die before my said Daughter tho she has no issue, then in that case the said negroes to return again to my Daughter Elizabeth & any other Child that may be born to me by my Wife, Robert Harrison. And I desire this may be considered as Codicil to my last Will & Testament & to be equal force power & Authority as any other part of my Will whatever. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 24. day of March in the Year 1769.

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Signed & sealed pronounced & declared before us the Subscribers

Robt Harrison (Jr)

Will: Meldrum
Benj^r A Roberts Jun^r
John Brown Jun^r

Notwithstanding a Power of Attorney executed by me in favour of M^r James A. Haring & John A. Haring Executors of my within Last Will & Testament, I have given them Orders to Advertise & to sell to Public Sale at Culpeper Court House either for ready money or such other terms as may be agreed upon by the said Haring & Haring & their Purchasers for several Slaves late the property of Robt. Will, and Whereas by a laws

as may be seen by a view of the property of John, William and where by a view
for several Slaves late the property of John, William and where by a view
or Slaves of my within Will they are prevented from the Sale of any Negro
after my decease therefore I desire & require the said Executors and they
are hereby empowered to sell & dispose of the said Negroes they have
Advertised notwithstanding the within Will in case of my decease before the
day appointed for the sale. In Witness whereof I have required the said
Wm Meldrum to set my hand & seal to this in the Presence of Mr John
Slaughter one of my Executors and I will & desire that
this may also may be considered as a further Codicil to my last Will
& Testament & of equal force power & Authority as any other part of
my Will what we & explainatory
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The Harrison (18)
April 28th 1769.

Will: Meldrum

At a Court Continued & hold for the County of Culpeper on Friday the 16th day of
June 1769.

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Harrison dec^d with one of
the Codicils thereto was exhibited to the Court by John Slaughter & Samuel Steiner
the Executors therein named & was proved by the Oath of William Meldrum,
Benjamin Roberts Jun^r & John Brown jun^r Witnesses thereto, and the last
Codicil.

484. Codicil to the said Will was proved by the Oath of the
 said William Meldrum a Witness thereto, where together
 with the said Will & other Codicil (the whole hereunto annexed)
 is Ordered to be recorded, and on the Motion of the said Executors
 Certificate is granted them for Obtaining a Probate thereof in
 due Form they having sworn to the same & given Bond and
 Security according to Law. Teste

Roger Dixon J. Cur.

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In obedience to your Order we the Subscribers being sworn
 have both Valued and Appraised the Negroes & personal
 Estate of William Linn dcd. in Current Money as followeth.

1 Negro Man named Jack	70.0.0
1 Negro Woman Peg & Child	70.0.0
12 head of Cattle	17.15.0
2 Geldings	14.0.0
1 Mare & Colt	15.10.0
29 head of Hogs	15.17.6
1 head of Sheep	27.0.0
1 Saddle & Bridle	12.0.0
1 Bed & Furniture	19.6.0
1 Bed 2 ^d	17.10.0
1 Bed 2 ^d	15.0.0
1 Rifle Gun	4.0.0
1 Liner Wheel	10.0.0
1 Hackle	14.0.0
1 Mill	4.0.0