

and white oak on road 183 to 18 poles to two white  
 oak saplings on the north side of aridge 130 to 18 pole to a  
 Spanish oak on the south side of a hill 131 to 150 poles to  
 the beginning containing nearly five acres be the same  
 more or less with all and singular Emoluments thereunto  
 belonging or any wise appertaining and give unto  
 the said Isaac Epling or unto his heirs or assigns  
 quiet and peaceable possession of the above-men-  
 tioned premises with every part and parcel thereof  
 or in any wise appertaining on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
 this Instant then the above obligation to be void  
 otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in every  
 token of the said above bounden Philip Epling hath  
 here unto set his hand and seal the day first above  
 written &c

Philip Epling  
 his mark

test  
 Jacob Boyf  
 David Kirk

At Sixes October Court 1821  
 This bill of sale for land from Philip Epling to  
 Isaac Epling was acknowledged in court and ordered  
 to be recorded Test David Spruce cgg

William  
 Wilson  
 Will  
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In the Name of God, Amen  
 I, William Wilson of the County of Giles and State of  
 Virginia being weak in body by reason of afflictions  
 but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto  
 God, battling unto mind the mortality of my body  
 and knowing that it is appointed for all men once  
 to die, do make and ordain this my last will  
 and Testament that is to say, principally and first  
 of all, I Give and recommend my soul into the hands of  
 Almighty God, who gave it, and my body I  
 recommend to the earth to be buried in decent

Christian burial, at the discretion of my Executors, nothing  
 doubting but at the General Resurrection, I shall rise again  
 again by the Mighty Power of God. And as touching such  
 worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in  
 this life, I Give, devise, and assign of the same in the following  
 manner as doth follow (viz)

First, All my just debts to be paid out of my money  
 or levied out of my personal property. I Give and bequeath  
 unto my well beloved wife Ann Wilson the plantation  
 wherunto we now live so long as she the said Ann remains in  
 a state of widowhood together with what ever house hold and  
 kitchen furniture she the said Ann Wilson may choose to keep  
 also three head of Horses, Two cows all the sheep with a sufficient  
 quantity of hogs for meat for the family of her the said Ann  
 choosing together with four breeding sows farming utensils  
 the present crop on said plantation and five hundred dollars  
 if she the said Ann should need it, also three myrowbirds  
 (viz) Lizzy Hannah and Liza to be equally divided among  
 my three children at her death. I Give and bequeath  
 unto my well beloved son Lewis Wilson the plantation  
 wherewith I live and at the marriage or death of Ann Wilson  
 his Mother together with all the lands belonging to me in  
 the County of Giles below the round bottom branch of  
 New River it being four different surveys forming the first  
 mentioned tract, four Negroes to wit, Jacob Jerry Kate and  
 her child named Rhoda forever. I Give and bequeath  
 unto my well beloved Daughter Mary and all my lands  
 lying in the County of Monroe together with four Negroes  
 (viz) Parris Isaac Annice & William to be enjoyed by her  
 forever. I also Give and bequeath to my well beloved  
 Daughter Elizabeth all my lands lying within the County  
 of Giles (other than the lands already bequeathed to my son  
 Lewis) lying at the ferry on New River and containing  
 the same before together with four Negroes (viz) Jack  
 Mary Buck and Lyd to be enjoyed by her forever.  
 I also bequeath to my well beloved children viz Lewis  
 Wilson Mary Ann Wilson and Elizabeth Wilson all the  
 Money Debt and property, not named in this my last

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Inventory  
of the  
Estate  
of  
Thomas  
Patterson

An Inventory of property held  
by Robert Patton a Clerk which property  
belonged to the Estate of Thomas Patterson  
\$ 26

Robert Smoograp	2 Cakes	18 00
	3 Chains	1 58
Robert Patton	1 Bundle Knives	7 58
Same	1 Loam	5 42
Philip Stanley	1 white cow	7 58
William Walker	1 Red cow	8 30
Joseph W. Ross	1 Steer	9 16
Same	Hay in the barn	6 30
Jacob Kupper	1 Wagon	12 50
Thomas Cahin	1 Sythe	2 21
John Carrack	1 Rye Stack	7 50
Joseph Taylor	3 Best choice hogs	15 00
Same	5 Second choice Do	11 25
Same	6 best choice Do	8 58
Robert W. Stinson	1 Plough	3 75
William Handley	1 Reel	1 04
John White Lot of old Casks		1 75
Joseph Ross	1 Tub	— 8
Same	1 Box	11 70
	1 Keg	11 08
	1 Pot	25
		\$ 131 84

I certify that the foregoing list contains  
all the personal property of Thomas  
Patterson Dec'd. that came into my hands  
as administrator. Given under my hand  
the 26th day of November 1872

A true and correct list  
inventory and appraisement of  
the personal property of Thomas Patterson Dec'd. was  
returned into Court by Robert Patton and ordered to be  
filed.

Advance Taken by Brown & Patton

Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Wm. Wilson

As the undersigned being chosen as referees to determine  
a controversy between William Brown and John Stenders  
concerning a piece or parcel of land lying at the  
upper end of the farm where the said William Brown  
resides. We do agree and award that a mark be  
beginning on the creek at two small white oaks running  
over the ridge and with the upper fence of said  
Brown's farm to a white oak near the wagon  
road in the dividing line between the parcels that  
the said Brown holds and owns the land below the  
said line and the said Stenders on is to have  
land above the said line under and  
29th Sept 1873.

Philip  
John McLaughlin

As Agreeable to an order of the Worshipful Court of <sup>County</sup> Giles to us the un-  
designers directed requiring us to value and appraise the personal Estate  
of William Wilson Decased We have made the following Inventory of  
said Estate this 5th day of December 1874

Date	Property Designated	Dollars	Cents
Dec 8, 1874	One dark bay horse named ball	30	"
	1 Bay - do named Jack	20	"
	1 Sorrel mare	40	"
	1 Colt	15	"
	24 Hogs	25	"
	1 still plate stands and 5 still tubs	70	"
	10 barrels	10	"
	4 Cags	2	"
	1 box of bones wt 14 lb	1	75
	1 rifle gun horn and pouch	21	"
	2 tubs or opened hogheads	1	"
	14 quide	4	50

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December 8<sup>th</sup> 1824

21 head of Cattle	126	"
21 heads do.	84	"
1 old haystack	10	"
Wild hogs in the woods from information supposed to be worth	5	"
1 halter Chain	50	"
2 beerstands	3	"
1 Rocking Cradle	3	"
1 old broken ax	"	25
5 belts 3 belt collars and buckles	3	"
1 waggon hammer	"	50
1 Cutting Knife and box	1	75
1 pack Saddle	"	25
1 Case of razors and 1 pair of Spectacles	1	50
1 Man's Saddle and 1 pair Saddle bags	11	50
132½ bushels Corn at James Penningtons	56	65
1 Brandy barrel	1	"
1 pair of Steelyards	2	"
1 eye Stack at the ferry place	3	"
1 Oat Stack at do.	7	50
1 wheat fan	5	"
389 bushels rent Corn hire for sack and } borrowed Corn at 46 cents	178	94
1 Sorel horse named Snap	60	"
1 Sorel mare	35	"
4 breeding Sows	6	"
10 Cows	87	50
2 fresh Haystacks	20	"
1 Crub of Corn	100	"
4 weeding hoes	4	"
1 Shovel plow and Sheer	1	50
2 Iron wedges	"	87½
1 Mataye	1	"
3 axes	4	50
1 set of double trees and 1 Clevis	"	75
1 log chain	3	50
3 husk collars hems and rope traces	1	"
2 Lythes and Sweets	2	"
4 old Lythes	"	50

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>Dec 29<sup>th</sup>Dec 8<sup>th</sup>  
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1 foot adze 3 hammers & 1 Stake	2	25
1 bandshear plow & shovel plow & Clevis	9	25
2 large Kittles	12	"
3 ovens 2 pots 3 pair hooks & 1 Skillet	10	50
1 frying pan and 2 pot racks	5	25
3 Candlesticks	1	25
1 set of fire irons tongs and Shovel	5	"
10 Chains	5	"
1 Cupboard and furniture	32	50
1 Copper tea Kettle pewter tin ware & crockery ware	9	67
3 Tables	10	50
1 Desk and book case	25	"
4 beds bedsteads & furniture & 1 bed tick of Feathers	126	"
2 meal sives and one riddle	1	57½
1 Sower 1 Cullender and Candlemolds	1	50
5 flay wheels 1 Cotton do. and 1 Check reel	10	"
1 Loom 3 Slays and harness	12	"
1 woman Saddle	11	50
1 family Bible and other books	10	50
1 Umbrella	2	"
1 old grindstone	"	25
1 flay hackle	2	"
1 Copper mill and Knife box	1	50
1 under bed Blankets &c	4	"
1 Chest with drawers	8	"
1 metal block and base	65	"
parts and other Cooper ware	3	25
1 bed bedstead and furniture	25	"
7 heads of Sheep	1	75
1 handsaw, drawing Knife augurs Chisels &c	2	50
1 horse named Tom	50	"
1 old axe	"	50
1 old prow and two flat Irons	2	"
	800	42
Lusy a negro Slave	125	"
Hannah a Negro Slave	250	"
Liza a child and Slave	125	"
	500	"

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

1 on William Smith and Samuel Smith for 132. due August 1815 Subject to a credit of 77 on the 1st day of August leaving a balance 55 "

1 on Absalom Pine due March 30<sup>th</sup> 1824 for 9 "

1 on William Wiley due October 13<sup>th</sup> 1824 for 3 "

1 on James Peery for \$22.50 due November 27<sup>th</sup> 1819 subject to a credit of \$9.20 on the 8<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1823 leaving a balance of pl of 130 "

1 on Helair Abbott due Feb<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 1824 for 44 "

1 on John Cantley due June 1<sup>st</sup> 1824 for 10 "

1 on Philip Peters due June 27<sup>th</sup> 1823 for 6 "

One note on Joshua Waide Executed the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1823 to be paid in bar printer work when called upon for the sum of 15 "

1 on Bonathar Cunningham for \$21.27 Executed to John McCrosky and assigned to W<sup>m</sup> Wilson due Oct<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1815 subject to a credit of \$12.22 the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 1822 leaving a balance which is deemed desperate 8 45

1 on John Smith due March 10<sup>th</sup> 1825 which is desperate for 26 "

1 on Orshua Calloway due June 13<sup>th</sup> 1824 Desperate 5 50

1 on John M<sup>c</sup> Crooky and Joseph C Walker due August 6<sup>th</sup> 1817 bearing interest from the 6<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>t</sup> 1814 for \$182.16 subject to a credit of \$70 the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 1820 leaving a balance of principle which is desperate 112 16

of John M<sup>c</sup> Crooky in Kentucky Walkers residence not known

1 on John M<sup>c</sup> Crooky who is insolvent in Kentucky due 28<sup>th</sup> October 1814 which is counted desperate 3 44

1 on Jesse Cartwright (which absconded and said to be dead) for 65 due the 29 October 1819 credit same date for \$1.79 which is desperate for balance 63 77

1 on James Gutrey who is absconded and residence not known due Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1817 which is desperate for 31 75

1 on Morgan Ewins due Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1822 which is desperate for 10 25

1 on Morgan Ewins due July 29<sup>th</sup> 1814 which is desperate for 25 "

1 on John Hutchinson due Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1795 which is desperate for 15 "

1 on James M<sup>c</sup> Daniel in Ohio State due Dec<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1811 which is desperate 6 "

1 on Wilson Lewis due 16<sup>th</sup> June 1824 which is desperate for 5 "

1 on Sally Miller Demadney Miller & James Miller who absconded and living on Sandy river Kentucky which is desperate balance from settlement Aug<sup>t</sup> 1824 is for 6 80

1 on Robert Scarber due Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1824 desperate for 15 50

1 on Thomas Cooke due March 12<sup>th</sup> 1811 for £4.14.9 credit same date for 9. leaves a balance of 6 75

1 on Edwards Burgess for £1.10.9 due January 1<sup>st</sup> 1805 subject to a credit on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 1810 for \$2.50 his residence on Sandy in Kentucky leaving a balance of principle which is desperate 2 62

1 on James Maddy due Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1823 who died insolvent which is desperate for 3 75

1 on Moses Living due May 1<sup>st</sup> 1797 not known and desperate 3 67

1 on William Meller who is absconded due Nov<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1823 desperate 2 "

1 note on Stephen Conway due 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1795 not known desperate for balance of 1 on Samuel Raynes due July 31<sup>st</sup> 1815 residence in Ohio State 2 50

1 on William Hopkins due Oct<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1788 for 30<sup>lbs</sup> of Ginsang not known desperate 30 "

1 on John Scot John Mafey Thomas Scot and W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup> Daniel for \$71.80 due March 1<sup>st</sup> 1816 with a credit of \$52. on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1818 and one credit of \$25. on 18 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1820 leaving a balance of principle of 14 80

which balance has been tried to be collected by law M<sup>c</sup> Daniel one of the securities by notifying the plaintiff in time to make his money was acquitted and Th<sup>o</sup> Scot another security by proving infamy was also acquitted the other absconded and insolvent therefore desperate

On note on Richard Blankinship to be paid deer skins one half due Aug<sup>t</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1786 and the other half against Christmas 1786 not known and desperate 16 66

1 article of James Pennington for 132 1/2 bushels corn due March the 1<sup>st</sup> 1826 delivered at the house of James Pennington in Monroe County

1 Note on Ephraim Dunbar and John R George including the amt of debt interest of an injunction bond on which a suit was instituted by W<sup>m</sup> Wilson in his life time ag<sup>t</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Dunbar security to Alex<sup>r</sup> Stewart in the superior Court of law in Fayetteville due Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1826 bearing no interest until due for 600 "

On Execution against Matthew Peters (residence in Ohio State) bearing date the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 1805 which is desperate for amtly 365 89 1/2

One do against William Meller who is absconded bearing date the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 1824 with interest from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1823 which is desperate for \$20. and cost 30 cents 20 30

One execution against Robert Gunnee collected in officers hands for 8 12 1/2

1 do against Samuel P<sup>r</sup> Paris including principal on interest and cost until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1825 347 15

Other	Cents
3	75
3	67
2	"
2	50
"	30
-	-
14	80
16	66
600	"
365	89 1/2
5	84
20	30
8	12 1/2
347	15
398 41	
308 21	

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Nenley Chapman's Receipt for an obligation on Matthew Carickson Dec'd for one hundred and sixty six dollars payable on the first day of December 1821 (stating) that to secure the said money to said Wilson; he the said Carickson did relinquish the right to all the tract of land on which he lived on Palustrone for which the said H Chapman was to bring suit in the high Court of Chancery at Wmtho for said Wilson against the administrators of sa Carickson & others

Book Account against James Patey for the amt of "	20	25
" do against John Gunna Sr for " " " "	12	92
" do against Jonathan Toney for " " " "	3	"
" do against Martin Dunn for " " " "	2	75
" do against William Dunn for " " " "	2	50
" do against Abraham Peters " " " "	3	50
" do against Conrad Peters for " " " "	5	54
" do against Wilson Abbott for " " " "	17	82 1/2
" do against Robert Gunna for " " " "	2	50
" do against Philip Peters for " " " "	2	"
" do against Jesse Foster for " " " "	6	"
" do for rent of the ferry against Jesse Foster	27	50
" do on Conrad Peters for 1 1/2 lbs of Iron at 8cts per lb	.	92
" do on John Toney for " " " "	10	"
" do on Tandy Dempsey for " " " "	1	"
" do on Robert for " " " "	11	50
" do against James Pennington for	7	"
" do against Wm McDaniel for	1	3 1/2
		140 58

A list of the rent of land devised to Elizabeth Wilson

1 Plantation at the ferry rented to Jesse Foster from March the 1 <sup>st</sup> day 1825 until March 1 <sup>st</sup> 1826 for	145
1 do adjoining the above lands to Reuben Wilburns from March 1 <sup>st</sup> 1825 until March 1 <sup>st</sup> 1826 for	25
	170
A list of the hire of Negroes	
1 negro Girl named Annica from March 1 <sup>st</sup> 1825 until March the 1 <sup>st</sup> 1826 to James Dunn Junr	23 25

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I do named Paris for the same term to James Gore for	53
I do named Lige for the same term to Wheeler Pennington for	12 51
I do named Jerry for the same term to Absalom Fine for	52 19
I do name Naro for the same term to Thomas Kirk for	53 05
	193 90

It appearing to us that Jerry the negro hired to Absalom Fine did about one months labour in consequence of his being sick that agreeably to the Ordinance said fine ought to be entitled to a credit of \$4.82 out of the said hire  
David Chesek  
Wmtho Junr

Isel Slogdhill  
James McLaugherty  
of William Wilson dec'd

At Giles May Court 1825

This inventory and appraisement of the Estate of William Wilson Dec'd together with an inventory of the sales of said Estate and a General account of the Estate taken by the Executors was returned into Court James McLaugherty and Isel Slogdhill the Executors which is ordered to be recorded

Test David French Cllk

Williams  
23<sup>rd</sup>  
This Indenture made this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Feb<sup>r</sup> in the year Chapman of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and twenty four Between James A Williams of the first part George Johnston of the second part and Isaac & Wm Chapman of third part all of the County of Giles and State of Virginia; Whereas James A Williams is justly indebted to the said Isaac & Wm Chapman the sum of Fifty nine Dollars and forty five cents with interest thereon from the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1820 which more fully appears by a note bearing the aforesaid date. And he said James A Williams being desirous to secure the payment of the aforesaid sum to the said Isaac & William Chapman Now this Indenture Witness that the said James A Williams for and in consideration of the premises as also the further sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said James

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At Hills May Court 1898  
This Inventory and appraisment of George Lybrook  
Decd. was returned in to Court by the administrators thereof  
and ordered to be recorded  
Test David French Esq

David French Esq

A list of the rent of lands belonging to the heirs of Wm Wilson Decd. Apr 1898  
Oct 1897 rented to James Pennington one field (Luz) in Mount Emily Decd.  
to Mary Jane Wilson from March 1898 until March 1st 1899 for \$20 00

Oct 1897 to the Archibalds in the plantation at the ferry beside to  
Elizabeth Wilson part of which is to be paid in repairs from March  
the first 1898 until March the 1st 1899 for 103 50

Oct 1897 to the heirs of the plantation lying below the ferry  
devised to Ely W. Wilson part of which is to be paid 31 50  
in repairs from March the 1st 1898 until March the 1st 1899  
for 125 1899.

A list of the hire of the Negroes of the estate of Wm Wilson  
Decd. from Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1897 until Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1898.  
One Negro man named Paris to Samuel P. Paris for one year 51 00  
one boy from Oct the 29<sup>th</sup> 1897 until Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1898 for 60 00  
One boy named Alexander to Ray W. French same date for 50  
One man named Isaac James Pennington same date for 19  
One man named Jack to Isaac W. French same date for 19  
One woman named Ann to Wm P. Clement same date for 16  
One girl named to Thomas Kirk for same date for 16  
Total \$366

One woman named Hannah, the child of William M. Wilson  
for his father and one woman, Ely to Robert Gunn for  
one year, which has been agreed was devised to said  
Wilson and his widow by the late Wm Wilson Decd. and the said  
Hannah has taken Ely's home, and claims the hire  
of Hannah for which she has got the bonds, in case of  
death sickness or any other inability to any of the above hired  
slaves or to discharge them, or any of them from performing their  
duty, then always to stop work for hire  
April the 1<sup>st</sup> 1898. A list of the rent of the ferry  
boat belonging to said Estate one day ferry boat to Archibald  
Burdick for (one year) James M. Claugher Esq  
Test David French Esq

At Hills May Court 1898. This inventory of the estate  
of William Wilson Decd. was returned into Court by James  
M. Claugher Esq and Archibald Burdick the administrators thereof and ordered  
to be recorded  
Test David French Esq

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Be it known to whom these presents may concern  
that according to the laws of Virginia's authority I do  
Manassah of States. I Elias Harman of Hills County  
Virginia from the said authority being fully persuaded  
that freedom is the natural right of all mankind that  
God of one blood creates. My nation's official act  
concerns that that it is my duty to do to all mankind  
No I would they should be to me, and having now man  
several Negro Slaves whom I have held hitherto as such  
namely Nelson who was born about the year of 1799  
Dinah who was born about the year 1795 and Billy  
who was born about the year 1800. I do hereby  
emancipate and set free the above named Slaves  
and I do for myself my heirs executors administrators  
relinquish all and every right title interest  
and claim or pretension of claim whatsoever  
either to their persons or estates which they  
may hereafter acquire, and it is my wish  
that they enjoy that full freedom without  
intercession from me or any persons claiming  
by from or under me or my heirs executors  
I have herunto subscribed my name and  
affixed my Seal this 21<sup>st</sup> of September 1897  
in witness whereof Elias Harman Esq  
John Kirk Esq  
acknowledged in open Court

At a Court held for the County of Hills  
at October term 1897  
This Indenture was acknowledged in  
Court by ~~the~~ Elias Harman and  
ordered to be recorded  
Test David French Esq