

W^m Hamletts
Will

In the name of God Amen I William Hamlet Senr of the County
of Halifax being weak in Body but of perfect mind & Memory
calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing
that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain
this my last will and Testament in the manner and form
following that is to say after all my Just Debts and funeral charges
are justly paid I give and dispose of my Estate in the following
manner and form. I then I give and bequeath unto William
Dickie Senr John Dickie Senr, Thomas Dickie Senr of John Dickie
Senr one negro woman named Cook also one Bay Mare one
Trunk Bed & furniture & 1 Black walnut Chest all of which
articles are in the hands of John Dickie Senr then Father
well & Desir that the above mentioned property be sold and
the money equally divided among the three sons of
John Dickie Senr. I then I give and bequeath unto my Beloved
Grand Daughter Sarah Dickie Daughter of John Dickie Senr
Forty pounds current money of Virginia to be paid and

current money of Virginia to be raised and
Levied out of my Estate Also one feather Bed & furniture
and one Horse to be worth fifteen pounds Current Money of Virginia

Item I give to my Daughter Milley Churrie five Shillings cur-
rent money of Virginia to be raised out of my Estate Item I give to my

Daughter

Drucilla Hardridge one negro woman named Hannah fully to
be possessed by her during her natural life Item I give &
bequeath unto my beloved grand Daughter Patsy A Hardridge

Daughter of Drucilla Hardridge one negro girl named Mimie
to her & her heirs forever Item I give and bequeath to my

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Granddaughter Mary Ann Hardridge one negro Boy named George
to her and her heirs forever Item I give and bequeath to my

loving granddaughter Patsy Hardridge one negro Boy named
Ed to her and her heirs forever Item I give and bequeath

to my loving granddaughter Mary Hardridge the next negro
Child that the above named negro Hannah may have to her

& her heirs forever. I do will & desire that the above mention-
ed property in the possession of my Daughter Drucilla

Hardridge be kept together - unless the above mentioned Child
of Drucilla Hardridge

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Death of my beloved Daughter Dorothea Hardinge I will and desire that negro
Hammett now in the possession of Dorothea Hardinge be sold and the money
arising from Sale be equally divided among her children. Item I give
bequeath to my dear son John Decker Senr one Spanish Milled
Dollar. Item I give — bequeath unto my beloved son Littlebury
Hamlet one negro woman named Peg & one negro girl named
Mancy to him & his heirs forever. Item I give & bequeath unto my
beloved son William Hamlet one negro man named Peter to him
& his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son
Collins Hamlet one negro man named Sam to him & his
heirs forever. Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Henry
Hamlet the Tracts of land whereon I live and also one other Tract
of land adjoining on the south side of my creek containing
about five acres more or less and one negro man named Daniel
one negro man named Jacob one negro woman named Jane
one negro woman named Bessy with all the Ballance of my
personal Estate that is not heretofore mentioned to him and his heirs
forever and do hereby constitute my oldest son Littlebury Hamlet

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...that is not heretofore mentioned to him and his heirs
...and do hereby constitute my oldest son Littlebury Hamlet
...my Trusty friend James Chalmers and my youngest son Henry
...Hamlet Executor to this my last will and Testament revoking
...all other Wills by me made confirming this and no other to be my
...last will & Testament in Writings whereof I have hereunto set
...my hand and seal this 7th day of August Anno Domini 1796 Signed
...willed & acknowledged in the presence of

Pleasant Harty
Nicholas Harty
Thos Harty

William Hamlet Sen

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The Court held for Halifax County the 27th of February 1797
The last will & Testament of William Hamlet Sen Decd was
presented in court by the Executor ^{Thos Harty} & proved by the oath of
the witnesses ^{one of the Deas Thos Harty} & was ordered to be recorded & on the motion
of Henry Hamlet, who made oath according to law certificate
of obtaining probate thereof in due form is granted him
giving security whereupon he together with Pleasant
Harty Thos Harty - Charles Hunt & Nicholas Whitcomb
are appointed Executors of the said last will & Testament

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in the penalty of \$10,000 conditioned according to law
 liberty reserved to the other Executors to join in the probate when
 they shall see cause Teste J. Carrington &c

Examined Truly Recorded

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Teste Berry Green D.C.H.C.

We the Subscribers being first sworn agreeable to an order of court
 to the best of our skill & judgment hath valued the property of
 Samuel Coats Dec as follows (Viz)

Coats
 Samuel

One feather Bed & furniture	8	0	0
Iron & Appone Do Do Do	5	10	0
one Do Do Do	6	0	0
one Iron Pot & Hook	0	10	0
one Quilt Cover & Do	2	10	0