

James Harper's

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In the name of God Amen I John Harper of Westburg County being well
loved and of sound and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God and calling
to remembrance the uncertainty of human life have made this my last will
in manner following. I give commit my soul into the hands of my merciful
Creator hoping for Remission of my sins through the merits of my beloved
Redeemer Jesus Christ my body I leave to be buried at the Discretion of my
Executive hereafter named. Impts after my just debts are honestly paid
I leave the rest of my Estate as followeth to wit, I give I give to my son
W. Harper five pounds cash to him and his heirs forever. I give I give to
my son John Harper Three hundred and twenty One acres of land more or
less on the south side of Mahoning river including half the profits of my
mill during my wife's life, the other half I give to my loving wife Frances
Harper during her natural life, and after her decease the mill with the
land above mentioned, also One Negro man named Pea, with one Negro
man named Aaron, and One Negro girl named Sal, with what I formerly
gave him to him and his heirs forever. I give I give to my son by all
Harper Ninety five acres of land in Summerville County on the north side
of the R. R. line Westburg County, the land of the

Executors hereafter named. I give after my just debts are lawfully paid
I leave the rest of my Estate as follows to wit, I give to my son
W. Harper five pounds Cash to him and his heirs forever. I give to
my son John Harper Three hundred and twenty one acres of land more or
less on the south side of Mahan River including half the profits of my
mill during my wife's life, the other half I give to my living wife Frances
Harper during her natural life, and after her decease the mill with the
land above mentioned, also one Negro man named Per, with one Negro
man named Aaron, and one Negro girl named Bet, with what I formerly
gave him to him and his heirs forever. I give to my son by all
Harper a tract of one acre of land in Swansburg County on the north side
of Mahan River joining National Creek and the land the thirty four acres
joining the same land on further side in the same County. Also after
my wife decease then hundred and forty two acres of land on the back
side of Mahan River in what is called Swansburg County when I was here to the
same more or less, with one Negro man named Oger and one Negro man
named Will, with one further to me further on in the paper.

with one boy here by the name of Toller with two cows and calves after paying of forty pounds to my daughter Betty Harper, then this will be him and his heirs forever.

W^m. I give to my Daughter Susanna Connally fifty pounds back to her and her heirs forever. W^m. I give to my Daughter Franky Harper, one Negro girl named Hannah, with one Negro boy named Loney, with one horse and saddle and one bed and furniture, two cows and calves and one hundred pounds to be raised out of my Estate after my wife's decease to her and her heirs forever. W^m. I give to my Daughter Betty Harper, one Negro girl named Peggy with one horse saddle and saddle with one feather bed and furniture.

Two cows and calves and one hundred pounds to be raised out of my Estate after my wife's decease to her and her heirs forever. W^m. I give to Peter Whitehead one Hundred and twenty three Acres of land within the Bounds wherein Edward Duckens made him a Peer, not having any wife at the time in Mathewsburg County on the South side of Mathews River be the same more or less to him and his heirs forever. What other land I am possessed of and not yet willed away with my will on Stony Creek in Lunenburg County I leave to be set up and sold to the highest Bidder. Giving twelve months credit for the use of paying my Debts, And lastly I Give to my wife and leaving wife Frances Harper the land and plantation now here on with all my stock of all kinds except

these I have willed my with all my household and Kitchen furniture, with
four negroes namely, Tom Dick Moses and Jane with all that I have not yet
willed away during her natural life and after my wife's decease its my wish
that it may be Equally divided amongst my six children above named, but in
case any of my three children Myall Harper, Franky Harper or Betty Harper
should die without issue, then its my desire that their part be Equally divided
amongst all my surviving children to have and their heirs forever.
Lastly I nominate and appoint my dear and loving wife Penney Har-
per with my son Myall Harper Executors of this my last will and Testa-
ment and as trustees to see this Will Executed hereby Revoking and dis-
annulling all former Wills by me made and declaring this to be my
last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this seventh day of May One thousand seven hundred
and ninety two

John Harper

Signed, Sealed and
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