

I George Sharper of the County of Perryman do hereby make this my last will & testament as follows - First I give to my wife Martha J. Sharper all my land except so much as I herein give to my daughter Mary Estlin which land I give to my said wife during her life, I also give to my said wife seven slaves such as she may direct out of my estate upon condition that she is to give of said slaves one to each of my sons George Sharper and William Sharper each of said slaves so given to my <sup>said</sup> sons to be worth not less than three hundred dollars and to be given by my wife at such time as she may think best for the interest of my said sons.

Secondly after the death of my said wife I give the land herein given to her for life to my two sons George and William to be equally divided between them. Thirdly I give to my said wife all of my household and kitchen furniture my plantation tools and stock of every description.

Fourthly I give to my daughter Mary Estlin wife of Wilson Estlin a tract of land containing one hundred and thirty seven acres, be the same more or less adjoining the tract on which it now stands and the lands of J. W. Cotton & John Edwards and which I bought of Jacob Sharper to the said Mary Estlin during her life and at her death to her children. The said land is valued by me at \$400 and I desire it to be accounted for at that sum in the final division of my estate.

Fifthly I give to each of my daughters Mary Estlin Nancy Estlin Anna Sharper and Elvira Sharper slaves to the amount of fourteen hundred dollars each, the slaves to that amount, or as near as can be to be allotted to each of my said daughters.

Sixthly The balance of my estate not herein disposed of I direct to be equally divided among my said Children each Child accounting in such division for the amount of property received either under this will or otherwise in such division of my estate. I do not wish any sale of my slaves, except that my negro woman Manerva and any slaves over fifty years of age may choose a Master who be given to such persons as fair value therefor by three Competent judges. Seventhly I hereby appoint my wife Martha Harper executrix and my son George Harper executor to my estate and I desire that no security be required of either of them. In testimony whereof I hereby set my hand this 8th day of February 1854.

George Harper

and their increase I give to my said daughter Mary during her life and  
at her death to her Children. To my said daughter Nancy during her  
life and at her death to her Children. To my said daughter Anna during  
her life and at her death to her Children. To my said daughter Elvira  
during her life and at her death to her Children. But if either of my  
said daughters should die without issue living then the said Slaves and  
increase belonging to such daughter shall go to her surviving Sisters  
and the Children of such ~~as~~ may not be survivors.  
Sixthly The balance of my estate not herein disposed of I direct to be  
equally divided among my said Children each Child accounting in such  
division for the amount of property received either under this will or otherwise.  
In such division of my estate I do not wish any sale of my Slaves,  
except that my Negro woman Manerva and any Slaves over fifty years of  
age may choose a Master and be sold to such person as may be chosen by  
three Competent judges. Seventhly I hereby appoint my wife Martha  
Harper executrix and my son George Harper executor to my estate and I desire that  
no property be required of either of them. In testimony whereof I hereby set  
my hand this 8th day of February 1854.

Signed & acknowledged in presence of  
M. Ditchett P. C. Emerson  
C. E. Hambleton Thomas W. Walter  
W. S. Robertson

George Harper

# Geo. Harper's Will Bond

At a Circuit Court Continued and held for the County of Pennsylvania at the Court House thereof on the 30th October 1856

This writing purporting to be the last will and testament of George Harper deceased dated the 8th day of February 1854 was produced in Court by Martha Harper the executrix and George Harper the executor therein named in order to be proved whereupon and on hearing as well the said Martha Harper the executrix and George Harper the executor ~~therein named~~ by their attorney as William J. Steton who intermarried with Mary Harper daughter of said George Harper it was ordered that the said Will be Contested on Wednesday next.

And at the same Court Continued and held for the said County on Wednesday the 5th day of November 1856 - The said writing purporting to be the last will and testament of George Harper deceased bearing date the 8th day of February 1854 was this day again produced in Court by Martha Harper executrix and George Harper the executor therein named in order to be proved and William J. Steton who intermarried with Martha Harper daughter of said George Harper appeared and opposed the proof of said will and Thomas W. Walton a surviving witness to said writing being sworn testified in Court that the said George Harper acknowledged the same in his presence as and for his last will and testament that he subscribed his name as a witness thereto in the presence of the said testator and at his request and that the said testator was at sound mind and memory as to

name as a witness thereto in the presence of the said testator and at his request and that the said testator was of sound sense and memory as far as he knew or believed and having also testified that he saw Oliver E. Blanton one of the other witnesses to said writing who to now read and subscribe his name thereto also in the presence of the testator and at his request that they both witnessed the same in the presence of the testator and at the same time, it is ordered that the said writing of the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1854 be recorded as the last will and testament of the said Geo. J. Harper deceased and on the motion of Martha Harper the executrix and George Harper the executor therein named who made oath thereto according to C. law and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$1000 without security conditioned as the law directs Certificate is granted them for obtaining probate of the said will in due form.

Teste  
J. H. Tinsdale Clk.

### Geo. J. Harper's Exec. Bond

Know all men by these presents that we Martha J. Harper and George Harper are heirs and jointly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in sum of Sixty thousand dollars to the payment of which we and truly to make we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs executors jointly and severally personally by these presents sealed with our seals and attested

his Name should also in the presence of the testator and at his request  
that they both witnessed the same in the presence of the testator and  
the same time, it is ordered that the said writing of the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Feb  
1854 be recorded as the last will and testament of the said Geo. Harper  
deceased. And on the motion of Martha Harper the executrix and George  
Harper the executor therein named who made oath thereto according to  
law and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$1000  
without security Conditioned as the law directs Certificate is granted them  
for obtaining probate of the said will in due form.

Teste

Wm H. Penstall Clk.

### Geo Harper's Exec. Bond

Know all men by these presents that we Martha J. Harper and George W.  
Harper are heirs and jointly owners unto the Commonwealth of Virginia and  
sum of Sixty thousand dollars to the payment of which we and truly to  
make we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs executors  
jointly and severally by these presents Sealed with our seal and date  
5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1854. The Condition of the above obligation is  
that whereas the above bound Martha J. Harper and George W. Harper have  
day qualified as executrix and executor of the last will and testament of

Harper deceased. Now if the said Martha J. Harper and George W. Harper shall in all respects faithfully execute their said office or trust then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed Sealed and Delivered  
in open Court.

Martha J. Harper *MS*  
George W. Harper *MS*

In a Circuit Court Continued and held for the County of Pennsylvania the 5th day of Novr 1856. This bond was entered into and acknowledged by the obligors to be their act and deed.  
Examined.

*Chas*

Amos M. Tinsdale Clerk

I Stephen Willard of the County of Pittsburgh and State of Virginia being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

Intestament. My will is that all my just debts and funeral charges shall by my executor and executor (hereinafter named) be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucy Willard during