

Southampton county, Va. day of October 1802 be recorded. Test. J. Bundeater

In the name of God amen Benjamin Harris of Powhatan county and Parish of King William being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament, in manner following.

First, it is my will and desire that my Just debts and funeral expenses be first paid, and my body to be entered in a decent manner by my executor hereinafter named.

Item, I Send to my beloved wife Lucy Harris during her natural life, and no longer and in lieu of her dower in my estate all the plantation (laying) on the South side of Colecat creek or branch with the stock of horse cattle sheep and hogs that may belong to that plantation at my death, and the negroes which she had before her marriage, namely, Jody, Manderville, Senex, Mornea, Bulley, Julius, Salley, Holley and her children should they be recovered by a suit now depending in the High court of Chancery for that purpose also a bed and furniture, my Carriage & Harnish with two horses named Markham & Bailey.

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Harris and her heirs the following negroes to wit, Frank, Hall, Aaron, Ned, David, Effey, Anchy, Alice, Maria, Polley, Sam, Olive, Annah, Gabriel, James, Frank, Mary, Judy, John, Daniel, Peggy and her children, my other child, Betty, & Harney, being the negroes and their increase which came by her mother. Also one good feather bed and furniture, and my young black mare, and all the increase of the said negroes I have from this day forward.

Item, I give and devise to my son Elyot Harris and to his heirs the land and plantation whereon I now live, with all the

stock of horses (except two, called Salladon and Hopkins) which I give to my son Wilson; with all stock of cattle sheep and hogs, and at the death of my wife I give and devise to my said son Egbert all my land and stock lent her, which will include the whole of my lands in the county of Powhatan, also all my household and kitchen furniture, and plantation utensils.

Then I give and devise to my son Wilson Harris and to his heirs all my land in the county of Blocklebury on Roanoke River commonly called and known by the name of the Roanoke plantation with all the stock of cattle horses sheep and hogs the plantation utensils and the following negroes namely Charles, Billy, Patrick, Tom, Evario, Sampson, Bristol, James, Hannah, and her children, Molly, and her children, Violet, Bob, Phil, John, Rachel, Clark, Foney, Morris, Grace, Katy, Hammett, Nelson, James, and his nurse Jemmy, and all their future increase.

Then I give and bequeath to my son Egbert Harris this item the following negroes to wit, Peter a smith, Tom, Daniel, Isaac, Will, Edmund, Archer, Amy, Juba, Hannah, Peter, Mary, Albert, Lucy, Rose, Fanny, Volley, Fanny, Simon, Biddy, Sally, and her children William, Louisa, and all their future increase.

Then I am provided and desire that if either of my two sons Egbert and Wilson shall die under the age of twenty one years and without lawfull issue that part of my estate before given to him so dying shall go to the surviving brother in fee; and should they both die under age and without lawfull issue, then I give the whole of that part of my estate given to my said two sons, to my daughter Sarah Harris and her heirs. If my said daughter Sarah Harris shall die under age unmarried, and without issue, then all the estate bequeathed to her to my two sons Egbert & Wilson, equally to be divided between them, & if either of them be dead then the whole be to the survivor of them. And should my said two sons & my daughter Sarah all die under the age of twenty one years

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children, Videll, Rob. Phill, John, Rachel, Clark, Boney, Morris, Grace,
Katy, Hammett, Nelson, James, and his nurse Boney, and all their
future increase.

I here give and bequeath to my son Egbert Harris this town
the following negroes to wit, Peter a smith, Sam, Daniel, Isaac, Will,
Edmund, Archer, Amy, Juba, Hannibal, Peter, Mary, Albert, Sam,
Rose, Harvey, Volley, Fanny, Simon, Biddy, Salley, & her children
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I here command and desire that if either of my two sons
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shall die under age unmarried, and without issue I give all the
estate bequeathed to her to my two sons Egbert & Wilson, equally
to be divided between them, & if either of them be dead then the whole
be to the survivor of them. And should my said two sons &
my daughter Sarah all die under the age of twenty one years
without issue born or to be born within nine calendar months
after the death of the surviving brother, then it will be my
desire that all the negroes herein before given to my said two
sons and to my daughter Sarah be emancipated and free, at the
end of the year in which the survivor of my said three children
shall so die, and farther my and desire is that all my ~~estate~~
therein bequeathed be equally divided as near as may be among
the heads of families of such emancipated negroes, towards

their support and maintenance, after they shall become free, by commissioners to be appointed by the respective county courts, in which they reside. And my will and desire further is that in case of my said three children Egbert Wilson Harsh all dying under age and without issue as aforesaid, my executor, herein after named or my administrator as the case may be, sell the whole of my lands herein before devised to my sons Egbert and Wilson, and any manner as he in his discretion may think proper, and convey the same in fee simple to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, and the money arising from the sale or sales of the said Lands be equally divided among the heads of families of my now slaves, then emancipated, as before directed with respect to the stocks to include in the division my trusty woman Milley and her two children each to share equally with the heads of families; and it is my will and desire that the said Milley and her children be emancipated and free at my death, for her attention to my children after the death of their mother, and for the support of the said Milley and her children. I give them Twenty five pounds per year to be paid by my son Egbert, or out of his part of my estate, untill her son Labo come of age, at which time I direct my son Egbert to give each of her two boys Seventy Dollars, one hundred pounds each, and they have leave to remain in the house she now lives in as long as she may live.

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Emeline Harris five pounds to be paid by my son Egbert Harris, and nothing more as her grandfather Cuspin, her mother's provision for her in his will.

Item, I give and bequeath to my youngest son Charles Aurelius Harris the negroes which I lent to my wife for life namely Judy Manderville Senox Morrice Alley Julius Alley & Molly and her children to be his at the death of his mother should

and Wilson, and any manner of things in his discretion may think proper, and convey the same in fee simple to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, and the money arising from the sale or sales of the said Lands be equally divided among the heads of families of my now slaves, then emancipated, as before directed with respect to the stocks to include in the division my trusty woman Milley and her two children each to share equally with the heads of families, and it is my will and desire that the said Milley and her children be emancipated and free at my death for her attention to my children after the death of their mother, and for the support of the said Milley and her children I give them Twenty five pounds per year to be paid by my son Egbert, or out of his part of my estate, untill her son Laboo come of age, at which time I direct my son Egbert to give each of her two boys Beverly & Laboo, one hundred pounds each, ~~Milley~~ has leave to remain in the house she now lives in as long as she may live.

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Evelina Harris five pounds to be paid by my son Egbert Harris, and nothing more as her grandfather Purpiss has made provision for her in his will.

Item, I give and bequeath to my youngest son Marcus Aurelius Harris the negroes, which I lent to my wife for life namely Andy Manderille Senox Morrice Alley Julius Alley & Milley and her children to be his at the death of his mother should they be recovered and in case of his death I give the before last mentioned negroes to his sister Martha Evelina Harris & her heirs, and in case they should both die under age & without lawfull issue I give that part of my estate given to my youngest son to be equally divided between my two sons Egbert & Wilson.

And should my said wife Lucy Harris refuse to stand to and abide by this my last will and testament, I give the whole of the legacy before bequeathed to my youngest son Marcus Aurelius Harris.

except five pounds, to my two sons Egbert and Wilson under the like limitations as my other estate to them devised.

Item, It is my will and desire that if my wife ~~Shog~~ be with child at the time of my decease the child so to be born after my death receive five pounds out of that part of my estate willed to my son Egbert.

Item, There being a suit now depending in the High Court of Chancery to obtain an equal part of Thomas Turpin's estate for the benefit of my wife and her children, which if recorded, I wish her to divide as she may think proper between her two children, and in case of their death between my other children provided she stands to this my will and if she refuses to abide by this will I give all monies and other property arising from that source to my two sons Egbert and Wilson.

Item, I give and devise to my friend James Scott Inspector whom I appoint my executor of this my last will and testament my land in Chesterfield county which I purchased of Tho^t Spencer to him and his heirs also my bay riding horse as a mark of my friendship and esteem.

All the rest and residue of my estate I give equally to be divided between my two sons Egbert and Wilson Harris.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal to this my last will and testament this tenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and one.

Signed sealed published and declared By the said testator as & for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Benjamin Harris (seal)

Peter Porter

Wm Fleming

All a court held for Powhatan county the 20th day of October 1802 This last will and Testament of Benjⁿ Harris was presented in said court and proven

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Benjamin Harris (seal)

Peter Porter } At a court held for Powhatan county the 20th day
Wm Fleming } of October 1802. This last will and Testament of Benj
Tho^t Harris } Harris de^d was presented in open court and proven
by the oath of Peter Porter and Thomas Harris sub-
scribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

And at another court held for the said county the 10th day of
January 1803 on the motion of John Dopp certificate was granted him
for obtaining letters of administration in the estate of the said Benjamin
Harris de^d with his will annexed, James Scott the executor named in
the said will having refused to qualify, the said Dopp having taken
the oath prescribed by law & ventral with bond with cautions for the period
of One hundred thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs.

Test J. A. Goudet 6/10/0