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what I have saved not before disposed of and what part of my stock my good
 may think proper to sell which I shall hereafter suppose them to do them
 Equally divided amongst my seven youngest Children Benjamin, Joseph, Ellen
 Edward, Wm, Elisha, Rebecca, Mary & Lucy. Amongst them was my wife's two
 Daughters Elizabeth and Anne to bring uping them and my life time estate part
 of my estate I intended to give them, so that when I shall be
 left my seven youngest Children as above who are dead and I give to them
 and their heirs for ever which division shall take place as follows
 that is as they respectively arrive to the age of twenty one or more
 that is my wife or Children whichever shall first die to 1/3 of my estate
 then 1/3 portion of Negroes Stock and all personal estate to be divided
 between her or her poor or orphan, and the remainder to be kept together for a common stock
 till a second Marriage or comes to age of twenty one or more and if
 Children or children of as above specified to be divided between them
 It is not my desire that my Daughters should be bound to serve the wife
 of my husband or the common stock in her marriage to the age of twenty one or
 unless they so marry or choose it, so as to be separated of her estate and
 portion of my Daughters may have a right to her estate and her share of
 common stock with the unmarried value of my estate as long as they continue single
 and not marry. If they marry I would wish them to take that portion of my
 I do hereby suppose my good therefore may wish to sell any part of my stock they
 choose either may sell that part of my land all about the little road that is the
 Charles & Francis & the other part of the land between the road and the
 road till it comes to the property of the common stock and the other part of the
 to be about thirty acres. It is my desire that the common stock be divided
 to be in thirty or thirty five acres, so be divided or two or three years from the
 a hundred and fifty with out and the Manor being of from each part
 be applied to me and to my heirs and assigns and be divided on my lands
 with the rest of my Negroes and I do hereby declare that the common stock
 from youngest child. In case either of my sons die and have no wife
 then all my down the land goes to the children and their heirs and assigns
 amongst the surviving brothers & I am for payment of personal estate & a
 that be equally divided amongst the surviving Brothers and Sisters
 I mean my seven youngest Children and if either of my daughters
 are under age I will withhold her or its share till she or he is of age
 that they are entitled to under this my will. Equally divided
 amongst the surviving Brothers and Sisters considering the share of the
 bequeathed my two Daughters Elizabeth and Anne in and to give them
 all I intend to do

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I have of a dispute amongst my children and so respecting the same I have
thought it best to settle all respects my Will through them and so I have
settled all disputes as may arise I am sure to what they concern with
to be the true intent and meaning of this my will the same I have
written that there be no law but of the intention of each person
parts but that the Exors Shs and are hereby empowered
to divide it according to what they Concur or think to be the true
intent and meaning of this my last will and Testament. And
my wife and child that I have become heir to any of my
last will estate it is equally divided amongst my children
Benjamin and not my Daughters Elizabeth and Ann having
given them what I have given in my life time I have also
that what I have bought do by my Exors Shs will
be divided equally and divided amongst my children
Benjamin equally. Further as there is a piece of land
that I am going to be next for the land I left my son
Benjamin which I bought of John Clarke and since I have
bought it again of Christina Smith by Deed bearing
date the 1st of August 1798 which is a piece of land
as a bad right so that I have bought it then and in that
that I have bought of Christina Smith and so I have
and if my son Ben Benjamin recover of them both the Vol
and the my desire what can be recovered of them both
added to all my lands I hold and divided equally
my four sons as to quantity and quality but that not
without my son Benjamin loses his land I left to him
as above I give unto my daughter Rebekah her share
all my young mares and her saddle and Bells
Further I desire there be no appraisement of my estate
lastly I do appoint my Brother Francis Epps
Guardian to all my Children & so to this my
will together with my Brothers Edward & Ben
Bony & Carno & Rich and & Francis Epps
of Chestfield and also Littlebury also my son
my wife & child. Further I desire my son Benjamin
be one of my Exors Shs full age of twenty one

Signed & Sealed in
the presence of us

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A Court held for Portobian County at Fostell on Thursday the 14th day of October
 One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety two the last Will and Testament of
 Joseph Harris Deceased was presented in Court and proved by the oath of
 William H. Moody a Witness thereto and ordered to be Continued
 at our other Court held for the said County on Thursday the 15th day of
 November One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety two the same
 again presented in Court and proved by the oath of James Rogers and then
 the Witnesses and ordered to be Recorded

Teste J. H. Moody, 1792

Portobian County, Va

Whereas it appears that my late husband William Harris of
 this life intestate and without Will intestate the right of his estate
 has been lost by law destroyed in consequence of which I am
 enabled by the Magnitude and importance of the duties which are
 laid upon me to have to fulfill and in my own capacity
 and the care to justify the undertaking and a different last
 of my late husband's estate and desire that the
 in execution may be witnessed to record in the Court of the
 of Fostell and they in my name my husband and Seal their
 of February One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety three

Witness Jeffery Davis
 Samuel W. H. H.

William Harris

A Court held for Portobian County at Fostell on
 the Twenty first day of February One thousand Seven hundred and
 Ninety three the foregoing will of the right of a son
 of the Estate of William Harris deceased by Catherine his
 which was presented in Court and proved by the oath of
 the Witnesses and ordered to be Recorded