

I, James Harper near the House Mountain on the drafts of
Colours Creek Rockbridge County and State of Virginia being in
an infirm state of body but of perfect and disposing mind and
memory and calling to mind my state of mortality do this twenty
sixth day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred
and six make ordain and appoint this my last will and Testament
in manner and form following first I allow ^{all} my just debts
to be paid and my body to be decently interred by my Executors
hereafter named and with regard to such worldly Estate as God has
endowed me with I dispose of it as follows I allow an Inventory
to be taken and an appraisement made of all my Horses Cattle
sheep and hogs Waggon and part of waggon gears and every other
farming utensil or implement of Husbandry with all other
personal property Except what crops may be on my dwelling
place and the corn and other crops in the field at the time of my death

place and the corn and flax on my place known by the name
of workman hollow the wheat on the latter place I allow one
third part of it to be the immediate property of my wife Elizabeth
Harper and my sons Andrew and Thomas Harper and
my Daughter Elizabeth Harper for & in ~~tear~~ of their delivering
the remaining ~~two~~ thirds to Mr Willson esq. or some other person
to be accounted of and reckoned for as the above mentioned per-
sonal estate all the above property but what is excepted I allow
to be appraised at what it would sell for at twelve months next
there will be few or no demands for several years and I do not
allow the person to be chargeable with any Interest, The above
personal property when disposed of as above directed I allow to
remain in the hands of my wife Elizabeth and my sons
Harper until the 3. Inst. is twenty one years of age except my daughter
Elizabeth when 2. Andrew when 3. and Thomas when 4.

- allow there to be another Appraisement of all property of
~~the~~ above description whatever it is betwixt between this time and that
my^s Wife Elizabeth and son Andrew shall be equal shares in
all such advance but if its made worse all such difficiency must be
made up equally by the above parties last mentioned hers by being
deducted from her share hereafter specified and his in such manner
as shall hereafter appear I allow my wife Elizabeth Harper her
living on our present dwelling place during her natural life if
she remains in Widowhood and sixty pounds worth of such
property as shall best suit her if she chooses to marry but
she may not continue on^s place after she is married if she is
spared and continues with her family untill Andrew is of age
then I allow her and my sons Thomas and James Harper be put
in possession of one half of the personal property above mentioned

and my sons Andrew and Wm to possess the other half where

Andrew Harris which must not be before he is twenty one
he may remove to the lands conveyed to me by Frederick Becker
which lands the twenty four acres thereof annexed by a latter
survey I allow to be the property equally of my sons Andrew and
William Harper and their heirs forever on their fulfilling what I
shall hereafter require upon them in this my will my present dwelling
place bought of Thomas Willson with the twenty one acres added
thereto by a later survey I allow to be the property equally of my sons
Thomas and James Harper and their heirs forever on their fulfilling
what I shall hereafter require upon them in this my will I allow my son
Harper to get my gun and six Bow and twenty dollar worth of grain
or other produce when he marries or takes up house besides what I have
given him heretofore I allow my Daughter Mary Harper the one
my Daughter Elizabeth Harper when she marries

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of herself on marriage to be decently fitted off as to dress furnished with a bed and bedcloaths one horse worth not less than ninety dollars a saddle and two milk cows A bracon and spinning wheel I allow all the above beauequethments to be discharged before Andrew and his Mother separates as to my younger children from Thomas and downward they are to be schooled by those under whose care they shall be left respectively the boys to be learned to read well write tolerably and cypher they practice the girls taught to read well and write if convenient when my son Andrew takes up house he is to take W^m Alfred John his brother and sophia his sister with him and have them educated as above directed John is to work with him and W^m dutifully and reasonably except when at school untill severen years of age when he must go to such a trade as ^{he} shall choose

I leave at twenty five years of age 5th Alfred and W^m

and when he arrives at twenty one years of age ^{5th and 11th}
is to pay him one hundred and twenty dollars and to pay off
Sophia exactly in the same manner as I have directed for their
sister Elizabeth if Andrew or W^m should be removed by death
before the age of twenty one John is to take the place of the
deceased and the surviving Party shall be free of what I
had bequeathed to John if the ^{3rd} Andrew and W^m fail in
discharging the above bequeathments more than twelve months
after John is of age or Sophia married after being twenty one
then in that case the lands of that place shall be sold and Andrew
and W^m shall have one third each and John and Sophia one
sixth each of what may arise from the sale I allow my daughter
Ann to continue with her mother and brothers Thomas and Jane
untilt married and by them to be paid off in the same manner
as above directed for my daughter Elizabeth and Sophia I allow

my son Parker. Martin Harper also to be under the care of Thomas
and James Harper and his Mother while she lives with them and
to be by them Educated as above directed and to be dutiful and Obe-
dient to all their reasonable and lawful commands untill he
is seventeen years of age at which time he is to be put to such
trade as he shall choose and when he arrives at the years of
twenty one the above Thomas and James is pay him one hun-
dred and twenty dollars if either of the above Thomas or James
are removed by death before the age of twenty one the surviving party
is to be freed of paying what was bequeathed to Parker M Harper
and he is to fall into the estate of the deceased if in case the^d Thomas
and James fails in discharging the above bequeathments to him and
Parker M Harper above one year after ~~to Parker M Harper~~ ^{to Parker M Harper}
That case the lands I have nominated for them shall be sold and
the money paid to them and the same to be paid to them and

one third part shall be for Thomas and one third for James and
Han and Parker & Harper shall have one sixth part each of what
may arise from such sale I do further Allow as a part of my will
that if any party concerned therein shall think themselves aggrieved
or any doubt should arise from the ~~acknowledgments~~ or supposed ~~acknowledgments~~ of
my will the party so aggrieved or doubting shall call as Arbitrators
four sensible reputed Honest men who in case of their not agreeing
shall call a fifth man of the same description and ultimality and
Finally decide all causes of the above nature and finally I constitute or
do and Appoint William Wilson Merchant Esq of Lexington Rockbridge
and my Brother Shewen Harper of B county Executors of this my last will
and Testament ratifying and confirming and Establishing this my last
will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal the day and year first above written
Signed sealed published and attested George Currie James Harper Esq
or one for my last will and Testament in presence of the witnesses William Shewen
who here at my request and in presence of the witnesses Shewen
Harper of my brother Shewen Harper

At Rockbridge court Septemr 1st 1806

A writing purporting the last will & Testament of James Harper decd was produced in court by William Willson & Andrew Harper the executors therein named and proved by the oaths of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said executor who made oath according to law certificate is granted them for obtaining probate thereof in due form. They having together with John Willson & Michael Lickelmer their securities entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of \$2000 conditioned according to law

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