

Harris's
will

In the Name of God Amen I John Harris

of Yorkhampton Parish in the County of York being weak and low in Body but of sound and disposing Mind and Memory do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say First I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator and most bountifull Benefactor and my Body to the Earth in hopes of a joyfull Resurrection And as to all my worldly Goods I give and dispose of them as follows

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my brother William Harris all my Lands with all Houses Buildings and other Conveniencies thereon to him and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten forever but for want of such Heirs I give the same to my brother Richard Harris and to the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten forever and for want of such Heirs then I give the same to my Nephew George Fuller Harris and to the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten forever But in case my two ^{and nephews} Brothers ^{above mentioned} should all die without Issue as aforesaid then

I give and devise the same to my three Sisters Katherine Brown

Or if all Harris to their Heirs forever

I give and devise the same to my three ~~children~~ ^{daughters} ~~children~~

Rebecca Harris and Elizabeth Harris and to their Heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath to my Godson Filmer Moore the Sum of twenty five Shillings to be laid out in buying of Books and giving the said Filmer one Year Schooling but if he should not be put to School

the said Money is not to be paid. I also give to my Godson Boaz Booth the Sum of twenty Shillings to be paid for his Schooling if he should be put to School but not otherwise. It is also my Desire that if Charles

Hobday should dye before his Daughter Juvanna shall be put to School that twenty Shillings shall be paid out of my Estate to give her Schooling

my further Will and desire is that my brother Richard be put to School one or two Years and that the Expences thereof and also of Books be paid

out of my Estate and that he may be likewise allowed Cloathing and Diet out of my Estate And that my Nephew George Fuller Harris be also

Cloathed and fed out of my Estate or the Profits thereof during his being at School unless his reputed father William Fuller will bear that charge

Item my Will and desire is that whatever my brothers and Sisters are indebted to me or have received of me they may Account for the same

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to my Executors. Item I give and bequeath to my Sister Katherine Brown the sum of fifteen Pounds including what her share of the Negroes in my Possession doth amount to.

Item I Give to my Sister Rebecca Harris the like sum of fifteen Pounds including her portion of the Negroes in my Possession. But if the said Rebecca should not intermarry or cohabit with Dickinson Gateman then in lieu of the said fifteen Pounds and as a better provision for her I give her an equal share of my Negroes with my other Legatees hereafter named. But if after my said Negroes should be divided and her part of them shall have been delivered, ^{to} her she should then or at any time after intermarry or cohabit with the said Dickinson my Will and Desire is and I do hereby Order and direct that she shall forfeit all right of title to the said Negroes and the same shall revert to the other Legatees hereafter named and she shall have nothing of my Estate except her share of the Value of the said Negroes according to the Appraisement thereof made after the Death of my Father. Provided nevertheless that she shall be informed of these Conditions in my Will which I desire my Executors will acquaint her with.

I give and devise all my Negroes in my Possession vizt. Jenny Pompey Foney Pat Frank and Paul with their Increase and all the rest of my Estate both

Part 1 and 2 Personal not before disposed of to be equally divided between my e.

Real and Personal not before disposed of to be equally divided between my
Brother William Harris my Brother Richard Harris my Sister Elizabeth Harris
and my Nephew George Fuller Harris and my Sister Rebecca Harris in case
she does not ^{but if she does} marry or Cohabit with Dickinson Yateman, then she is to be
excluded from any share or part of my Negroes as aforesaid. And further my Will
and desire is that if my Personal Estate should not be sufficient with the Debts
due to me to satisfy my own Debts and the Legacies given in this my Will and
that the Profits of my Estate should not be likely to pay the same then my Negro
Boy Frank or one other of my small Negroes may be sold to satisfy and pay the
same and that the Surplus Money arising from the said sale shall be divided with
the rest of my Estate

Item my Will and desire is that my Brother Richard Harris my Nephew
George Fuller Harris and my Sister Elizabeth Harris may have one Year
sufficient Cloathing out of my Estate before any division thereof be made and that
my Brothers William Harris and Richard Harris may have my wearing Apparel
divided between them. And Lastly I constitute and Appoint my Brother William
Harris and my loving Friend Edward Croft Executors of this my last Will and
Testament hereby revoking all former and other Wills by me heretofore made.

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In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
sixteenth Day of July One thousand seven hundred and forty eight

Signed Sealed Published and Declared
by the Testator to be his last Will and
Testament in the Presence of us who
have hereunto set our Hands as Witnesses
thereto in his Presence

John Harris (L.S.)

Tho^s Nelson

Will. Lightfoot

James Littlepage

At a Court held for York County the 20th day of February 1748.

This Will was proved by the Oaths of Thomas Nelson Esq^r & James
Littlepage Witnesses thereto Sworn to by William Harris one of the
Executors therein named and Ordered to be Recorded and on the
Motion of the said Executor Certificate was granted him for
obtaining a Probat thereof in due form he together with Tho^s Cary Jun^r
and Edward Potter his Securities having entered into and acknowledged

Bond according to Law.

Teste

Tho^s Everard J. Cud.

Exam^d