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In the Name of God Amen I William
Harden of Parice Wilkes Parish Plaster
being in my perfect health Mind &
Memory thank to to God so ordain
this to be my last Will and Testament
& what it hath ple and God to bless
me with, I give in the following
manner. That I recommend my Soul
to God who gave to me & my Body to
be buried in a Christian like Manner
at the discretion of my after-
Named Executors, Executors first
it is my desire that all my lawful
Debts be paid & then I give and
bequeath to my loving wife Sarah
Harden the choice of any one -
to go to Wooman & have the
riding chair, harness, I have
sent for my Bay saddle & have
my Colt Sterling, I bequeath my
Churn & horse to her & her heirs
Also the free use of the part or
majority of Land I now live on
during her life then its my Will

It shall be for my son Edmund
Harden his heirs for ever

I then I give to my son Mr Harden
the choice of a life for

I then I give to my son Chas Harden
the choice of a life for

I then I give to my son Edm^d Harden
the choice of a life for

I then I give and bequeath to my
sons William and Charles Harden my
plantation or tract of land on
Buckhinsons Island containing
one hundred & thirty acres (more or less)
to be equally divided between
them, to them and their heirs forever

I then It is my Will and desire that
the estate of my Negroes & personal
property be equally divided
between my loving wife & the Over
here & share alike, my Wife to have
her part when my debts are paid &
my children when they arrive to

The age of twenty years to have
their part delivered to them by my
Executors, Executors. Item It
is my Will & desire that the land
I have on the Fish pond containing
One thousand acres be sold, the
money be applied to the benefit
of my Estate as my Executors &
Executors shall judge best & as
soon as convenient it is my
desire that a tract of Timber
Land be purchased by my Exors
for my Sons William & Charles -
most convenient for their planta-
tion in Georgia - I then give
to my Sister Rebecca White &
her Heirs all the Estate that was
dele to me by my Mother Mary
Hadden at her decease -

Item It is my Will & desire that
my Accounting Executors shall
use any part of my personal
Estate that they think most
to the benefit of my Estate

and shall have liberty to purchase
Land or Slaves for the Benefit of my
Estate. I desire I do Nominate the my
loving Wife Sarah Hadden to be my
Executrix my friend William Jefferson
my Brother Charles Edward Hadden
my Son William Hadden to be my
Executors to this my last Will and
Testament availing all four of them
or other Instrument of writing to be
void, no effect. In Witness I have
hereunto set my Hand and seal
this Twentieth Day September
One thousand seven hundred
& Eighty Three
W. H. William Hadden. (21)

It is my desire that at the Planta-
tion I bought of Mr. J. H. Keating
be sold, the money arising to be
laid out in Land or Slaves for the
benefit of my Estate. I also desire
that at the decease of my wife
that that part of Land left to
my Son Edmund be sold & Land
purchased for him to the amount
of the said

60 I give to my other sons that is
to say half the value of their
plantation, my Daughter to
share equal in personal
property with my sons, to be
educated & maintained till -
married on 6 of my black
and she to have the choir of
anyone to go the State chure

Q A true copy taken from the
original to Miss, married
before Children's
Orphan's Office
Aug. 19th 1787 - -

Recorded Oct. 17th 1789.
and made the order
one of the laws therein
stated same day -

Whitfield
P. C. C.