

In the name of God Amen, I William Harding
of the state of Georgia and County of Chatham
being of perfect sound mind and memory and having
some worldly goods to dispose of at my death
do make and ordain this my last will and
Testament and first I order that out of worldly
Estate my Executors do cause me to be buried
in a decent and Christian like manner, &
after my just debts are paid out of my estate
aforesaid, I give & bequeath of the remaining
part in the following manner (that is to say)
I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife
the land and premises whereon I now live
during her natural life provided she remain
my widow, as also the whole of my negroes
as well those which I may have lent to
any of my children, as those which I now
do or may hereafter possess, to remain in
her possession during her life and widow-
hood as aforesaid, having it fully in her
power to aid and assist my said children
in a just and equal manner by the
loan of said negroes or their respective
circumstances (may in her opinion
require), also my stock of every kind
plantation utensils, household and kitchen
furniture, to remain in her possession
and on the premises last mentioned at her
discretion. I also give and bequeath to my
two sons Martin and Richd. the lands
and premises whereon I now live, to be
possessed by them at my wifes decease, or
when she is no longer my widow, and to
be divided in the following manner -
Beginning at Magers old house, from thence
to be marked on a direct course to where
the line of said land crosses the branch
which runs from the old house to the
old mill.

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My said son Martin to have the upper
end of the said land including the Island
and my said son Richard to have the
lower end of said land, And lastly at
my wifes decease, or when she shall cease
to be my widow. I give and bequeath
to all my Children (to wit) Henry, Mark,
Ewan, Martin, Richard, Cynthia, Sarah
and Susanna, the whole of my personal
property, the negroes to be divided in the
following manner, that is to say, each negro
is to be valued by respectable and impartial
persons to be chosen by my Executors herein
after named, and when so valued the
name of each negro with the price or
valuation to be written on a ticket of
paper and put into a hat or box which shall
be drawn out by my Children above named
each child owning the negro or negroes
whose names he draws as aforesaid, and
should it happen that one or more should
draw a negro or negroes to a greater val=
=uation than the others, he she or they draw=
=ing the same shall return to the others the
balance in cash, in such manner that
each of said Children shall have an
equal value in the said negroes - and
the balance of my personal ~~property~~ to be
equally divided among my said Children
and further if I should possess any prop=
=erty real or personal at my decease not
named it is to be divided among the
persons and on the principles above mentioned,
and for the due execution of this my last will
and Testament, I do constitute and appoint my
beloved wife aforesaid my Executrix and my
said sons (to wit) Mark, Ewan, and Martin
my sole and true Executors, to this my last

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Will and Testament. In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this seventeenth day of October in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
thirty,

signed, sealed & delivered

in presence of -

Mary Whitney

Edwell Ayers

Obadiah Thummer

Wm Harden Seal

I William Harden being weak and low in
body but of perfect sound mind and memory
do make the following alteration in my will
it appearing to me that there is not
that probability of my son Richard making
that proper use of the property I designed
to give him as I could wish, I therefore give
the whole of the property both real and
personal (which is mentioned within for
him the said Richard to my wife to be dispo-
sited of at or before her decease as she may think
proper, but it would still be my desire that
if my said son Richard should conduct
himself prudently that my wife may give
him the said property, I having at present made
no provision for him except five shillings
which I hereby give him

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Obadiah Thummer

Edwell Ayers

Wm Harden Seal

List of Appraisement of the property of
Samuel Brock deceased

To 1 negro man

Peter

\$500-00

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James Batts

400-00

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