

In the name of God I send, I Lot Harper being of perfect health and enjoying a sound and disposing mind and memory but calling to mind the mortality of my body. Do make ordain and establish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

First I will and desire that my body be buried in a decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors.

Second I will and bequeath and devise to my well beloved wife Susannah Harper for and during her natural life or widowhood the tract of land on which I now live containing two hundred acres lying on Cape Creek. Two cows and calves her choice of such as may be on hand at my death one horse best also her choice. All the household and kitchen furniture, one saw and pipe and half a dozen sheep one hundred bushels of corn fifty dozen of eggs Ten bushels of wheat one ton of hay All the farming tools one four horse wagon and gear. I also will and bequeath to her absolutely to be at her disposal one hundred and seventy five Dollars

Thirdly I will and bequeath and devise to my two sons Jesse and John Harper their heirs and assigns forever the tract of land owned by me on Jacobs Creek containing two hundred acres to be equally divided between them

Fourthly I will and devise to my two sons Peter and William Harper their heirs and assigns forever the tract of land on which I now live containing two hundred acres to be equally divided between them but such division to be so made that Peter is to have on his part the mill seat on Cape Creek said land to come to their possession at the death or marriage of my wife Susan

Fifthly I will and devise to my three sons Alexander, Samuel and Leander Harper their heirs and assigns forever a tract of land on gap Creek containing two hundred acres to be equally divided among them

Sixthly I will and devise that all the real and personal of my property be sold by my Executor on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds of such sale together with the money on hand and debts due me After paying all my just debts and the hundred and seventy five Dollars to my wife the equally divided amongst all my children (to wit) Lemuel Whitaker, Susan Shoup, Elizabeth Freeman, Sarah Owen, Mariah Owen, Jesse, John, Peter, William, Alexander, Samuel, & Leander Harper

Sevently I will and bequeath to each of my sons, Samuel, John, and Leander, at the death or marriage of my wife Susan a feather bed and the necessary furniture And that all the remainder of the property will be to my said wife except the land and the one hundred and seventy five Dollars in money, and bequeath by her in her life time, to be sold on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds of such sale be equally divided amongst all my children

Eighthly I will and desire that in case my wife should not make sufficient on the tract of land left to her during her life or widowhood that all the land owned by me at my death or the rents or profits there of be liable to her support during her life or widowhood

Ninthly It is my will and desire that if any of my children should die either in my life time or during the life or widowhood of my wife that the child or children of such should have be any receive the portion which their parents should have received if living under this will

Tenthly and lastly I hereby revoke all former wills by me made and establish this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 16th day of August 1861

In presence of me
Joshua Roberts
M. Patton

Lot Harper (Seal)
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State of S. Carolina } Court of Blus and quarter Sessions
Buncombe County } November Term A.D. 1866

The Execution of the above will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of M. Patton one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and admitted of Record. J. R. Weaver Clerk