

were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Witnesses

A.C.McRee
Thos.N.Black

Probated Oct.sess.1842.

Will of Elizabeth Harris

In the name of God, Amen. I, Elizabeth Harris, being in ~~com~~ health and in perfect mind and memory do make this my last will and testament . I do allow after my decease my funeral expenses and all just debts be paid.

Item I will and bequeath my negro Charles to my son, Houston him paying in one year after my death one hundred and fifty dollars to his brother Robert Harris and as soon as he can conveniently one hundred to his sister, Jean C.Harris, I allow my dresser furniture to be equally divided betwixt Thomas Houston and Jean C, my wheel and check reel I allow for Jean, likewise my fire-shovel and my bed also likewise my smoothing irons to her and hatchet I allow to Jean, my two crocks that I have lent out, I allow one to Thomas and the other to Jean with the pots that is lent and as for my ovens I have three, one to each of my three children that lives with me, I will and bequeath my daughter, Elizabeth Whitaker, one black silk dress and a Bible and a volume of Baths raign of Grace. I allow my son, Thomas, to keep my house on the farm to help support his young sister as I allow her to remain with him and as for the obligations that is in my hand if Ezekiel Harris White never returns to make my sons whole I allow the use of my money for six years clear of interest but if he returns I allow them to pay them obligations as soon as they can conveniently do it to my other legatees I will leave a list of books which I allow to be bought out of my money with the names of persons to be used for.

I will and allow my bed furniture to be equally divided among my three children that live with me with a new bed that Jean has made that is ~~hers~~ hers also. And as for some young negroes that is in my possession I think in all justice I have the lawful right to have the disposing of them it was not without a great toil of body that I clothed such a family having but the one black woman to nurse and help me and I think those of my children that has assisted in raising those ~~black~~ children has undoubtedly the best right to them, therefore I would allow my son Thomas Steel Harris, one negro boy named Ben and one little girl called Sally and my son Houston Harris, one small boy called Caleb and a child called Caroline and I would allow my daughter two children called Duck and Jenny. I will and allow my cupboard to my daughter Jean my washpot I allow to remain in the family while it continues so large and if Jean chooses to take it she may have it, if not I allow it to be valued and the price to be divided betwixt Thomas and Houston and if there be any remainder of my estate after what I have mentioned I allow it to be divided into twelve shares and distributed amongst my children one share to go to the children of Marget White, deceased, and Thomas to have my afflicted daughters ~~part~~

part for keeping her if she outlives me. I apoint my son Houston, Harris, my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament this twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

Signed in the presence of us and in the presence of each other.

James Harris
Robert McKenzie

Elizabeth Harris seal

Schedule - one negro child, an infant not named to any one above I will and bequeath to my daughter Jean C.Harris. Two house plates one to Jean the large one to Jean and the small one to Thomas Harris. Given signed sealed and pronounced this 5th day of October, 1812.

Signed in the presence of the same witnesses

James Harris
Robert McKenzie

Elizabeth Harris seal

Probated July sess. 1813.

Will of Ephraim Drak Harris

In the name of God, Amen. I, Ephraim Drak Harris, of the county of Cabarrus in the State of North Carolina being weak and aged but of sound mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following towit- principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as to such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner towit- first of all it is my will that all my just debts and funeral charges shall be punctually paid and discharged.

2nd- I give and bequeath and devise unto my wife, Dolly Harris, the privilege of my dwelling house wherein I now live and the garden, the negro girl named Anna or any other her choice, the riding chair and harnesses, two cows and calves her choice her bed and bedstead and the third part of the income of the plantation for her maintenance during her widowhood or natural life or as long as she shall carry my name, in case she should marry again then and in that case the above mentioned articles shall be sold and the money arising therefrom shall be equally divided between my wife and children and all her right interest and claim to the same shall cease.

3rd- I give and bequeath and devise unto my beloved son William Harris the house and lot with the taryard which I own in the town of Concord, and the negro boy named Timothy with all the improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging and the onehalf of all the hides and leathers now in hand at the said yard to him, his heirs forever, with the reserve that all the notes and books accounts heretofore arising from said yard shall be equally divided the onehalf to him and the other half to me incase any hides are taken in at an