

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 ~~coman~~ 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 ~~here~~ 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 tanyard 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

exchange shall be done in like form.

4th- I give and bequeath and devise unto my beloved sons Hector and Thomas Harris the plantation I now live on with the plantation I purchased from Jesse Hearne with all the adjoining lands to be laid off and divided between them as soon as my son Thomas Harris comes to the age of twenty one years of age for their own proper use and disposal forever, my desire and request is after being laid off and divided by my executors if they do not agree each of them to take either for their choice then and in that case they shall draw lots for the same.

5th- I give, bequeath and devise unto my granddaughter, Carline, the bodily heir of Nancy Miller being my eldest daughters child, the sum of two hundred dollars out of my estate, this said sum is to be the whole and full share of my daughter Nancy Miller and further my will and desire is that in case the said Carline Miller should die without an heir then and in that case the said sum shall revert back to the surviving heirs of me the said Ephraim D. Harris.

6th- I give, bequeath and devise unto my daughters, namely Experience Rendleman, Macey Pittman and Catherine Harris all the lands I own that are not otherwise disposed of to be exposed to public sale to the highest bidder and the money arising therefrom, first of all Catherine Harris is to have to her one hundred dollars to make her equal with her two sisters that are married and then the remainder part to be equally divided between them as their own forever.

7th- And as touching all the rest residue and remainder of my estate real and personal of what kind and nature so ever the same may it be it is my will and desire that the same and every part and parcel thereof shall be sold at public sale to the highest bidder on a reasonable credit not exceeding twelve months and the money arising therefrom shall be equally divided among all my surviving children except Julian Pittman shall have to her two hundred dollars out of her mothers share when she comes to the age of eighteen years also one share to each and every of the surviving legatees and one equal share to my wife Dolly Harris for their own proper use and disposal to them and their heirs forever.

8th- My will is also that if any of my heirs or legatees or any person or persons for them attempting to alter or change any part of this my last will and testament shall not enjoy or possess to the value of one cent of my estate real or personal.

And lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my beloved son-in-law, Martin Rendleman and my beloved son, William Harris to be the executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills legacies and bequeaths by me heretofore made and declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament and I do hereby empower my said executors giving and granting unto them by these presents my full and whole power, strength, and author-

ity in and about all my lands and premises not heretofore provided and which I order to be sold to have use and take all lawful means in my name for the purpose aforesaid and generally all and every other act and acts needful and necessary to be done in and about the selling of my lands make and execute and perform titles fully largely and amply to all intents and purposes as I myself might or could do if personally present and attorneys one or more under them for the purpose aforesaid to make and constitute and again at pleasure to revoke. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 25th day of January 1816.

Signed, sealed, published and declared
by the testator as his last will and
testament in the presence of
John Berringer, Senr.
John Gregory

Ephraim D. Harris seal

Probated April sess. 1816

Will of William Harris

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Harris, of the State of North Carolina and the County of Cabarrus, calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and publish this my last will and testament in the following manner, recommending my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came. And as to my property /being considerable in debt/ I do allow said debt to be paid in the following manner by the sale of sundry lands, such as one hundred and fifty acres joining Welch, Stafford and Cochran, one tract in Montgomery County of One hundred and fifty acres lying on Ugly Creek and the plantation whereon cyister Nelly lives of one hundred acres, reserving her lifetime of said land together with what land lies south of Stafford meeting road, beginning at the savana on the south side of my field and running up said road to the now present cross-road that goes now till Isaac Willes thence from said cross-road south 20 E. to Aron Davis line, if the said lands is not sufficient to pay my debt I allow so much of my personal property to be sold, such as my cotton gin, house and running works together with the remainder of my stock that is not otherwise disposed of, and the ballance of my household furniture that is not otherwise disposed of to be sold and if there should be any ballance after my debts are paid I allow it to go to my grandchildren in Georgia, the children of William Harris, deceased. The remainder of my land I allow to be divided betwixt my two sons, Solomon /scratched out in the original/ and Joshua in quantity and quality by five men mutually chosen and also to my wife I allow the whole of my plantation until Joshua comes of age and then to her I allow the mention seat and a comfortable living while she does live, to my wife I bequeath two milk cows, one grown stear one small stear all her choice, to my son Alexander W. Harris two milk cows one stear when he comes to live on the Reedy Creek plantation to his daughter, Betty I bequeath one heifer and also to my wife I bequeath one half of my stock of sheep and one half of my stock of hogs, to my