

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 and per 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

wife I bequeath my bay mare and foal and the black horse. I bequeath to Solomon the three the three year old filly and also to Joshua the grea filly I bequeath to my wife three beads her choice and the half of the coubaords and kitchen furniture as for my books my first big Bible I alow to Joshua, my new big Bible I alow to my wife during her lifetime and at her decease to be for my son, Alexander, the remainder of my books I alow to be divided betwixt sons, Joshua, Alexander, Solloman Joshua daughters Peggy and Ann to my sons Solloman and Joshua I allow them one gun a peace their choice, to my son Joshua I bequeath what land lyes on the north side of the creek known by the name of the old bottom as low down as to a slppe across the creek betwixt two ash trees thence to another slope across the creek nigh a white oak corner on the west bank of said creek, to my daughter, Peggy I bequeath five dollars, to my daughter, Isabel. I Bequeath five shillings in money and one Bible, to my daughter, Polly I bequeath five shillings and one Bible, to my daughter, Ann I bequeath five dollars, to my wife over and above what is mentioned to her one table her choice one saddle and bridle and all her own clothing my waggon and farming implements I alow to remain on the plantation-but before sealing and signing I do hereby renounce and revoke the bequeathments mentioned in the first page to my grandchildren in Georgia but allow to each one ten dollars a peace any surplice money that may arise after the payment of my debts I bequeath to my sons Solloman and Joshua, the present crop of wheat and corn as it now stands to remain on the premises for the use of the family, as to my cotton after the necessities is laid in for the house I alow the balance to go to the discharging of my debts. And I do appoint and nominate John McKinley and my son, Alexander W. Harris as executors of this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed this 21st day of September,
one thousand eight hundred and twentyone
In presence of
J. Willie
Alexr Ferguson

William Harris seal

after 1828

Will of John Holley

Know all men by these present, I, John Holley, being thro the abundant mercy and goodness of God though weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last will and testament and desire it may be received by all as such. As for my burial I desire it may be decent at the discretion of my dear wife and my executors hereafter named as to worldly estate I will and positively order all my debts be paid.

First I give to my dear and loving wife, Elizabeth Holley, viz-

2nd- I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth her bed and furniture and bedstand,

3rd-the dresry and all the furniture belong to it.

4th-all the pates with all there hanghens.

5th-I will and bequearth to my wife Elizabeth a horse called pastime with her saddle and bridle, her own choice of all the cows 7th all her body

clothes.

8th- I give and bequeath my body close to be divided among my three sons.

9th- And all the rest of my estate to be sold at vandue and the money it comes to after my debts are paid to be equally divid between my three sons and two daughters.

And I do appoint and constitute this to be my last will and testament, Leonard Holley and Moses Rogers to execute this my last will and testament, and in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty-fifth day of November. In the year of our Lord 1799.

Test.

John Rogers
her
Catherine X Farle
mark

his
John X Holley seal
mark

Probated Jan. sess. 1800.

Nuncupative will of Jacob Mussgenung.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Jacob Mussgenung, of Cabarrus County and State of North Carolina, Planter, being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally, and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of the Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form-

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Barbara, all what I own and possess that nothing shall be sold without she is willing to sell it, that she has more than she wants and that she shall manage it as if I was a life as long as she keeps my name, that is, to her death or marriage.

Witnessed by William Heinseman

Matthias Barnhardt no signature

Probated Oct. sess. 1803

Will of Charles McGinnis

In the name of God, Amen. I, Charles McGinnis, of the State of North Car. and county of Cabarrus, calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is apointed for all men once to die and being in sound mind and memory, Bless-be God, do this day make this my last willa ~~na~~ testament in the manner following, recommending my soul to God that gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came. And as for my worldly estate I do order that in the first o