

38 In the name of God Amen I George
Purvis of the County of Chatham and State of North
Carolina being weak in body but of sound Memory
blessed be God do this day & date the nineteenth day in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty
three do make and publish this my last will and testament
in manner following, that is to say first I will that my
Executor herein after named do pay all my Just debts
and expense of burial - Secondly I give and bequeath to
my beloved Wife my tract of Land containing eighty Acre
my Lands divide adjoining Vestals, Mathews, and Hobsons
Lands, also that my Executor out of my Estate build or
cause to be built a House upon the said Land for the use
of my Wife the House to be house large fourteen feet by eighteen
shingles off and made comfortable for her to live in. Also I
give her my boy man the Land and the Money for her to
have and to hold during her life or while she remains my
Widow. Also I give to my Wife one Cow and Calf first chosen
of my Stock two sheep and two head of hogs and eighteen
Geece one plow and a pair of plow Geese and my Household
and Kitchen furniture except one bed and furniture there-
things to be here given. Thirdly I give to my Son James one
Cow and Calf and two sheep. Fourthly I will that my
plantation wherein I now live be sold after the ballance of
my estate and the Money equally divided amongst my brother
and sisters except brother Andrew and sister Betty their two
parts to be equally divided amongst their Children. Fifthly
I will that this may stand in full force and virtue after
my decease except my wife being great with Child at this
time should be lucky to bring a son to my body and if she
should I will that it should have the third part of my estate
that I have herein written to my Brother and Sister and
their Children. Sixthly and lastly I appoint Manoff
Harrison and William Mathews to execute this my

last Will and testament in witness whereof I set my hand and seal the day and year above written - 39
Witness
J. Purvis
Joseph Hobson
George Purvis Seal

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Harris of the
County of Chatham in the State of North Carolina being of
sound Mind Memory and disposition blessed be the Almighty
for the same but knowing the uncertainty of life and the
Certainty of death do make declare and Ordain this my
last Will and testament hereby revoking and annulling
all former Wills by me or for me made. Thus to the Almighty
and Commend my Soul in Jesus and
strong hope that his mercy will look over any transgression
which I have committed in this life and will extend to
promote my everlasting rest in that which is to come.
Secondly it is my desire that all my Just debts together my
funeral expenses be paid - Thus to my Son David Harris I
give I give and bequeath in fee for ever the Land wherein he
now lives in the said County Chatham I also give unto him
a Negro man slave by the name of Sterling and all other
pieces of property that I have hitherto put in his possession
Thus to my Son West Harris I give and bequeath in fee for ever
the Land wherein he now lives in the said County of Chatham
I also give unto him one Negro man slave by the name of
Jordan and all other pieces of property that I have hitherto
put in his possession. Thus to my son John Harris I give
and bequeath in fee for ever the Land wherein he now lives
in the said County County I also give unto him a Negro man
slave by the name of Matham together with all the other
pieces of property that I have hitherto put into his possession
Thus to my Daughter Elizabeth Headen for ever I give the

40. Negroes Slaves Jem, Valitha & Melilah together with all
the other pieces of property that I have hitherto put in
here and her Husband Aaron Heade's possession. - Item. To
my Son Henry Harris I give and bequeath in fee for ever the
tract of land whereon he has lived in the said County of
Chatham I also give unto him a negro man Slave by the
name of Aldridge together with all the other pieces of property
that I have hitherto put into his possession. - Item. To my
Son Benjamin Harris I give and bequeath in fee for ever the
tract of land whereon he now lives in the said County of
Chatham. I also give unto him one negro man Slave by the
name of Lilliton together with all the other pieces of property
that I have hitherto put into his possession. - Item. To my
Daughter Sally Marsh for ever I give three negroes and their
increase to wit, Sally, Allen & Ben together with all other pieces
of property that I have hitherto put in her or her Husband
John Marsh's possession. - Item. To my Daughter Polly Mack-
-mil I give for ever and their increase the following negroes
to wit, Calum, Jerry, Sam, Reaser, Anna & Simon together
with all other property that I have hitherto put in her or
her Husband's possession. - Item. To my Son Britain Harris
I give and bequeath in fee for ever the tract of land whereon
he now he now lives in the said County of Chatham. I also
give unto him one negro man Slave by the name of Simon
together with all the other property hitherto put into his possession
- Item. To my Son Abalom I give and bequeath in fee for ever
the tract of land whereon he now lives in the said County
of Chatham. I also give unto him one negro man Slave named
Simon together with all the other property that I have hitherto
put into his possession. - Item. To my Daughter Mary Harris
I give to her the following negroes for ever and their increase
to wit, Humphy, Nanny, Eliza & Henry I also give unto her two
Cows and Calves two feather Beds, and furniture and one Horse
or mare to be considered to be worth twenty five Dollars

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I then. It is my desire that after my Death and all
Debts be paid that the Monies arising from the Sales of
perishable and personal property, that I might have left
behind be equally divided among ten of my Children
namely, Abigail, David Harris, M^{rs} Harris, John Harris, Henry
Harris, Benjamin Harris, Brittain Harris, Abner Harris
Sally Marsh, Polly. W. Daniel & Mary Harris. I then. It is
also my Will and desire that the land whereon I now live
be sold after my death on a Credit of twelve Months and
that the Money that it may sell for when collected be equally
divided among three of my Daughters namely, Abigail,
Sally Marsh, Polly. W. Daniel, & Mary Harris. I also do hereby
nominate and appoint my three sons, Abigail, M^{rs} Harris
John Harris & Henry Harris Executors to this my last Will
and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this 11th to the fourteenth day of May
A.D. 1815. —

Sign sealed and delivered in
presence of also Acknowledged

Wm. Lusk

Wm. Maglarum Junr.

Ben Harris Seal

I John Mac Don of the County of Chatham & State of
North Carolina do hereby make my last Will and Testament
and declare it to be the following. I will and bequeath to my
two sons John & Alexander M. Don the tract of land on which
I now live of three hundred acres or also one hundred acres
of land joining a tract of land belonging to little John M. Don