

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 Man 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
Hiderman 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. I then to the Almighty
and Omnipotent being I resign 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 - Then 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
Then 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. Then 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
Then to my Daughter Elizabeth Headen for ever I give the