

North Carolina, In the Superior Court,  
Cherokee County Before the Clerk.

In the matter of the last  
wills and testaments of William  
Harden, Nancy Harden & William  
Harding, deceased.

On this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1924 an  
exemplification or copy of the last will and  
testament of William Harden, deceased, of the  
County of Fairfax, Virginia, also an exemplifi-  
cation or copy of the last will and testament  
of Nancy Harden, deceased, of Fairfax County,  
Virginia, also an exemplification or copy of  
the last will and testament of William  
Harding, deceased, of Fairfax County, Vir-  
ginia and duly verified copies of the  
probates of such wills by the Circuit Court  
of Fairfax County, Virginia, which said ex-  
emplifications of such wills and probates,  
duly certified and authenticated by the  
clerk of the circuit court for the County  
of Fairfax, State of Virginia, in which court,  
under the laws of the State of Virginia, such  
wills have been duly proven and allowed,  
is produced before the undersigned Clerk  
of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, State  
of North Carolina, and duly filed for record  
in Cherokee County by John M. Taylor Attorney.

And it appearing that said wills have  
been duly proven and admitted to  
probate in the Circuit Court of Fairfax  
County, State of Virginia and it further appear-  
ing that the said William Harden, Nancy  
Harden and William Harding, deceased,  
were residents of the said County of  
Fairfax, and State of Virginia, and it

appearing from such exemplifications that  
such wills have been duly executed accord-  
ing to the laws of the State of North Car-  
olina, and duly proven in solemn form  
by the oaths of the two subscribing witnesses  
to each of the said wills.

It is therefore ordered that the said ex-  
emplified copies of the said wills, with  
the certificates of the probate before the  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County  
of Fairfax, State of Virginia be allowed  
filed and recorded as the last wills and  
testaments of the said William Harden,  
Nancy Harden and William Harding,  
deceased, in the same manner as if  
the original and not copies of said wills  
produced, proven and recorded.

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1924.

E. G. Davis  
Clerk Superior Court.  
Cherokee County,  
North Carolina.

In the name of God amen, This my last Will  
and Testament.

I William Harden do give and bequeath unto  
my loving wife Stacy three hundred acres of  
Land with and adjoining the plantation whereon  
I now live, likewise five negroes named as follows,  
Daniel, Cole, George, Pat likewise shelf of the stock  
such as horses cattle, hogs and sheep and house-  
hold furniture and their increase during  
her natural life, then to return to my well  
beloved son Thomas Green Harden. I likewise  
give and bequeath unto my well beloved  
son Thomas Green Harden a negro  
boy named James and all the remain-

ing part of my stock household furniture  
etc. at this plantation.

The estate left to my beloved wife to  
sell and become the property of Thomas  
Green Harden his heirs executors adminis-  
trators or assigns after the decease of my wife  
Stacy, if in case Thomas G. Harden dies  
without heir lawfully begotten his part to  
be equally divided mōtables only the land  
to become the property of my son Charles  
his heirs, executors, administrators or  
assigns. I give and bequeath unto my  
well beloved son Hall Harden a piece  
of land part of the tract whereon I now  
live beginning at his spring branch and  
running up the branch to a small pine  
bush from thence to the new road, thence  
up the road, thence up the road to Avery's  
road likewise a negro fellow named  
Sharper to him and his heirs executors  
administrators or assigns, I give and  
bequeath unto my well beloved daughter  
Maryan Ball one hundred acres of land  
beginning at the mouth of their spring  
branch thence up the branch and running  
with the branch, likewise a negro wench  
named Hannah to her and the heirs of  
her body. I likewise give and bequeath unto  
my beloved son Charles Harden the four  
negroes as follows namely Otto, Jenny,  
Rachel and Minny and their increase for-  
ever, and the leased plantation during  
the term of years he now lives on.  
I give and bequeath unto my son Anthony  
the negroes as follows, Allen, Ned  
and Winny with the leased plan-  
tation where he now lives the stock  
of all sorts in London to be equally

divided between Charles and Anthony dies  
without her lawfully begotten from his body  
then his power to fall and become the prop-  
erty of Charles Harden his heirs etc. I give  
and bequeath unto Alexander Williams  
children and each of them a cow and  
calf one sow and pigs, one ewe and lamb,  
I likewise give Martha Harden's children and  
each of them one cow & calf, sow and pigs  
one ewe and lamb. The above stock to come  
out of Charles & Anthony Harden's estate  
equally,

N.B. The interlinings on the other side are  
done before signed May 18th, in the year of our  
Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one

William <sup>his</sup> ~~mark~~ Harden (Seal)

Signed, sealed and  
delivered in presence of  
Joseph Birch  
Wm. Berlin

(Executors) Joseph Birch, Charles Lucy, Charles  
Harden

At a Court continued and held for the  
County of Fairfax 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1781.

This will was proved by the oath of Joseph  
Birch, also by William Berlin (except the in-  
terlineation in the fifth line)  
and John Bolling made oath that he heard  
the testator William Harden direct Joseph  
Birch, who wrote the will to alter the devise  
to his wife Stacy from one third to one  
half of his stock which was ordered to  
be recorded and at a Court continued &  
held for the County aforesaid XXI<sup>st</sup>  
November in the year aforesaid Admin-  
istration with the will annexed was  
granted Charles Harden and the said

Administrator having performed what the laws require a certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration with the will annexed in due form  
Teste,

P. Wagener, C. L. Cur.

Recorded in Will Book D. No. 1, page 236 + ex,

State of Virginia to wit:

To all to whom these present may come or in any wise concern

I know bye that I Nancy Hardon of Fairfax County and State of Virginia being sick in body but perfect disposing mind and memory and whereas my late husband George Hardon departed this life without having left any Will or making any provision for our yongest daughter Elizabeth and having at the marriage of our other daughters set them up in as decent a manner as the narrowness of our circumstances wou'd admit in tender consideration whereof I give and bequeath to my said Daughter Elizabeth all of my Estate that I may in any manner be entitled to, to her and her heirs forever, and this bequest no wise to bind or impair her the said Elizabeth just and equitable share of her fathers Estate. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirteen.

Nancy Hardon (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence  
of John Mellon  
Robert W. Fox,

At a Court held for Fairfax County the 20th September 1813.

This instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Nancy Hardon deceased was presented in Court and the same being proved by the oath of John Mellon and Robert Fox is admitted to Record.

Teste,

W<sup>m</sup> Moss, C. Ct.

Recorded in Liber K. No. 1, Page 138 & Examined.

In the name of God Amen I William Harding of the County of Fairfax and the State of Virginia do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following form to wit. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Eliza all my stock consisting of one Horse, cows, Hogs &c. House hold furniture &c. to which I have at this time & all I may have at my death together with all debts due me, to have and to enjoy the use thereof during her natural life and after her death. I will that whole thereof be equally divided amongst my children my wife now has or she may have during my life, then I devise the part hereby devised to it be equally divided the children & I do constitute and appoint my wife Eliza the sole Executrix free from given any security, to this my last will and testament.

I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty six his  
Witnessed and acknowledged } William <sup>his</sup> Harding (Seal)  
in the presence of }  
R.B. Digges, John Wellington,  
John <sup>my</sup> Armistead <sup>mark</sup>

At a court held for the County of Fairfax the 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of August 1836  
The last will and testament of William Harding,  
deceased was this day presented to the Court by  
Eliza Harding the Executrix therein named who  
made oath thereto and the same being proved  
by the oaths of Robert B. Darne and John Val-  
lendingham is admitted to probate and the  
said Executrix having entered into bond in the  
penalty of two hundred dollars a certificate is  
granted her for obtaining letters testamentary there-  
of in due form of Law. Alfred Donaldson, Thomas  
Simms, Daniel Miller, John Vallendingham & Robert  
B. Darne or any three appraisers.

Teste.

Thos. Moss - Clerk.

Recorded Liber S. No. 1, Page 25 & Examined.

State of Virginia:

To Wit:-  
County of Fairfax :

I, F. W. Richardson, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
of Fairfax County, Virginia, the same being a  
Court of Probate and of Record and having a  
seal, do hereby certify that the foregoing are  
true copies of the To-wit:-

1. The will of William Hardin, recorded in  
Will Book D. No. 1, page 236.
2. The will of Haney Hardon, recorded in Liber K.  
No. 1, page 138, and
3. The will of William Harding, recorded in  
Liber S. No. 1, page 26.

As the same are recorded in the respective  
will books as aforesaid, which are on file  
in my office all pursuance to Law.

In testimony of all which I have

hereunto set my hand and affixed  
the seal of said Court, at Fairfax,  
Virginia, this 26th day of May,  
A. D. 1924.

(Official Seal)

F. W. Richardson Clerk

Filed June 17-1924,

Recorded June 19-1924,