

In the name of God amen I Rhody Harris
being of sound and perfect mind and memory
Thanks be to God for the same but taking into con-
sideration the mortality of the body knowing that it
is appointed once for all the living to die do make
and publish this my last will and Testament
my said I recommend to god that gave it my
body I leave to be buried at the discretion
of my Executor in a decent manner and
the property that it hath pleased the Lord to
bless me with in this world I give and
bequeath as follows (to wit) first taking into
consideration the faithfulness of my slave Chancy
through life I desire and do make provision for
her comfort and liberation after my death therefore
I leave her in the care of my Executor to see
to and govern as her guardian and leave in
his hand one hundred Dollars for her support
in her old age and affliction to be used for
her benefit and support at the discretion of
my Executor and if the said slave Chancy
should die without being expensed in the
discretion of my Executor then the above hundred
Dollars appropriated to her benefit to be divided
whenever desired and wishing to gratify
my slave Molly and her children that she may
have and all that she may have I leave them
to choose what they may choose to live with after
my death and for my Executor to choose
three or five men of discretion disinterested
with whom the said Molly may choose to live
with and for the said men to put a fair and
moderate valuation on them and the chosen
master take them at valuation provided he or
she may be willing and to give bond and

such security as the Executor may require to
the Executor on the same time that the Executor
may give on the sale of my other property
and I leave to my Executor the duty of giving
to give to my wife for the benefit of her and her children
then I give and bequeath to my sister Debby
William Harris wife one hundred Dollars
and to my sister Ruthy Harris formerly one
hundred Dollars if she is not living at my
Death the above hundred Dollars to give and bequeath
to Helen apethurche first wife Lurany apethurche
body heirs and I give and bequeath to Catherine
apethurche wife Francis if she is living at my
Death one hundred Dollars but if she be dead
living at my Death to her children and the
balance of the money remaining after from
the sale of property after paying all my just
debts to be equally divided between Josiah
Harris first wife Martha's four children
William Hartshorn William Kings wife all of
Henry Page and Mary Gibb also the above
named hundred Dollars mentioned for the use
of Champ or any part of it that may not be
used to her benefit to the said four last named
children after Champ's Death
and I constitute and appoint my friend
Simon Williams Executor to this my last will
and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this 21
day of February in the year of our Lord 1840
Signed & acknowledged
in presence of
John ^{his} Richards Jurat
William ^{his} Wilder Jurat
Wm. ^{his} Wilder Jurat

State of North Carolina Court of pl. & qu. depend
Franklin County - September Term 1840

I Certify the foregoing will was exhibited
in open Court for probate and the contents thereof
duly proved by the oath of John Richards and
William Wilder subscribing witnesses thereto and
was thereupon so & when ordered to be Recorded
Filed

at

J. Patterson Clerk