Ambrose Harpers Will

In the name of God amen I Ambrose Harper of the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following Viz. First my will and desire is that the debt due by my Son James W Harper to Jesse Rhymes Esq.r be paid out of the money arising from the property hereafter willed to be sold

Secondly I give and bequeath unto Sarah Hunt her heirs and Assigns forever one negro girl named Dafney & her increase

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto Harriet W Harper (alias Harriett Hunt) her heirs and Assigns forever one negro girl named Chana and her future increase but provided the said Harriett or Sarah should die either of them before they to the age of twenty one years or marry & with the surviving one to have the property of the other. Fourthly I give and bequeath to my Son John W Harper (alias John W Hunt) two negro boys named Sandy & Britton to him his heirs and Assigns forever also I give and bequeath unto the said John W Sand and plantation whereon I now live to him his heirs and Assigns forever. Fifthly I lend unto Lucca Harper alias Rebecca Hunt

I now live to him his heirs and assigns forever. Fifthly I lend unto Rebecca Harper alias Rebecca Hunnell one negro man named Dave and the Interest arising from the money which may be left after paying all my just debts which money is to be raised by the sale of property hereafter named during her natural life and after the death of the said Rebecca my Wife and desire is that the said negro man Dave be sold and the money arising therefrom together with the money which is upon Interest be equally divided between my three Children before named Sarah, Henrietta & John, Sixthly my wife and desire is that all the residue of my Estate be sold and after paying all my just debts with the Balance to be let out upon Interest which Interest shall collected Yearly and applyed to the support of Rebecca Harper (alias Rebecca Hunnell) during her natural life and at her death is to be divided as above mentioned equally between the above named Sarah, Henrietta & John Harper (alias Hunnell) Lastly I constitute and appoint Daniel Mason and Thomas Hudson Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills, In witness

whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twentyfifth day of
April one Thousand Eight hundred and Thirteen

Signed Sealed & published
In presence of
Jno Campbell
Gideon Harris
Thos Hudson

Ambrose Harper (Seal)

Halifax County
August Term 1815

Then the Will was exhibited
in open Court and duly proven by the oath of John
Campbell one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to
be recorded

Test
Richard Epps Clk

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In the name of God Amen I Elias Brown being weak of body but of
sound mind & memory do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament
in manner & form following to Wit. Item I lend the use of all my lands &
together with all my other property after paying my Debts to my beloved Wife Mor
thea Brown for & during her life or Widowhood and after her death or ~~Wedlock~~
Intermarriage which may first take place I then give & bequeath all my afore
said to be equally between my two Sons Willis and Silas Brown to them &
their heirs forever and if either of them should die under age & before marriage for
his part to go & descend to my surviving Son and his heirs forever. Item I
give and bequeath all my Estate except my Land after the death of my afore

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