

otherwise disposed of during her life and after her
decease to be Equally divided amongst my four Daughters
Hannah, Nancy, Sarah & Mary Neal,
and I lastly do constitute and appoint my Brother
John Neal & my beloved wife Margaret Neal Executors to this
my last will & Testament and I do hereby solemnly revoke
and disannul all and every former will and Testament by
me in any wise made ratifying & Confirming this & no
other to be my last will and Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 16th day of February 1793

Signed Sealed published and pronounced,
by the Testator in presence of

Israel Watson

Isaiah Harris } May term 1793 This Last will & Testament
Ezekiel Harris of Benj Neal was exhibited into Court on oath
of Israel Watson and Evidence thereto who swore he believed
The Testator was of a sound disposing mind & memory at
the time of his Executing the same also swore he saw
Isaiah Harris & Ezekiel Harris sign with him a
subscribing witnesses at the same time ordered
to be Recorded. Test

Benj Foreman tell

Transcribed June 8th 1800

From Record of Will and accounts

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J. D. Harris c. c.

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Cleaves of the County of
Hyde Being very sick and weak in order in perfect health of
body But or and of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto
God Calling unto mind the mortality of my Body and knowing
that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain
this my last will and Testament That is to say principally
& first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands
of Almighty God that give it and my body I recommend to the
earth to be Buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion
of my Executors nothing doubting but at the great Resurrection
I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God
and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath
pleased God to bless me with in this Life I give devise &
dispose of the same in the following manner & form

Item I give unto my well beloved wife Hannah Cleaves all my house-
hold furniture with one negro girl and child named Beck
and commit to her & her heirs forever and if it please God that
wife Hannah Cleaves and the child that she is with should die
then my will and desire is that the negro boy as a gift should
Return to my sister Mary Cleaves to her & her heirs forever.
I likewise give all my cattle and hogs to my wife Hannah
Cleaves to her & her heirs forever

Item I give unto my dear Brother John Cleaves one hundred and
thirty two acres of land to him and his heirs for ever with all
my working tools and wearing apparel to & her heirs forever
I also give to my well beloved Brother John Cleaves & my father
John Cleaves Executors to this my last will & Testament
Revoking all will or wills to before former last wills with
Legacies Legate & Executors by me in any wise before
named called & bequeathed ratifying & Confirming this &
no other to be my last will and Testament in witness
whereof I have unto set my hand and seal this 5th day
of April in the year of Our Lord 1793

Signed Sealed published & pronounced
& Delivered by the said

Test John Bagleton
Thos. Brownings

Thomas Cleaves Test

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This will was found by the oath of J^{rs}. Eagleton & Thos.
Browning subscribing witnesses that he who sworn that
Testator was of a sound disposing mind and memory at
the time of his signing the same &c &c &c
Jst B. Norman c^{fe}

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R. D. Harris c^{fe}

In the name of God Amen, I Robert Gibbs Sen^r of the
State of North Carolina and County of Hyde being infirm
in body but of sound and disposing mind and mem-
ory do make and ordain this my last will and testament
in form following that is to say I give and recommend my
soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it me and
my body I recommend to the Earth to be decently interred
at the discretion of my Executors and launching such
worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I
will and bequeath it in the following manner ---
Imprimis, I give to my son John Gibbs the Land and Plantation
whereon he now liveth at The Ridge containing one hundred
acres of land and one half the land at middle brooke which
I bought of Henry Gibbs & John Gibbs viz, that half lying
next the brook also four negroes named Sam, Mose, Gideon and W^{ill}.
Then, I give to my son Robert Gibbs the plantation whereon he
now liveth and all the land adjoining thereunto in or near
all that lies below a certain ditch which runs through my
plantation dividing the plantation on which he lives,
from my manor plantation & my will is that the
same course the said ditch bears shall be continued to
the southernmost bounds of my land and that he shall
have all the land to the Eastward of the said ditch and
here I also give him four negroes, named,
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January, Brister, Milley and Nan
Then I give to my two sons Thomas Gibbs and Samuel Gibbs my plan-
tation whereon I now live and all the land adjoining there-
to lying on the westward side of the ditch and here before
mentioned to be equilly divided between them, I give to
my son Thomas Gibbs one negro named Sam and one
named Pomp and one negro wench named Luic & her
child named Ben also one bed & furniture six cows &
calves and Iron pot, I give to my son Samuel Gibbs two
negroes named Cuff & Sam & one wench named Chaise
& her child named Elijah also one bed & furniture six
cows & calves and one Iron pot.
Then I give to my son William Gibbs one hundred acres of land
at The Ridge whereon the widow Bird now liveth, and one half
the Land at middle brooke which I bought of Henry Gibbs & John
Gibbs viz that half lying on the Southward side of the tract
next to Callet Wasons & Joseph Gibbs Land; I also give him
Ten feet in width of land through the land adjoining
already bequeathed to my son John which said Ten feet
in width of land is to be continued down to some
convenient part of middle brooke for the purpose of draining
my said son William Gibbs' half of the Land
Then I give four negroes, named Pader, Die, Frank, Grace, and Jack also
four hundred spanish m^ll^l Dollars or the value thereof in
Gold and one bed & furniture six cows and calves & iron pot
Then, I give to my daughter Nancy Bennett four negroes named
Peter, Kate, Pridence and Beck also I give her six cows & calves
Then I give to my three grand children Robert, Elizabeth and
Annus Hopkins a negro wench named Sue and her increase
to be equilly divided amongst them.
Then I lend to my beloved wife Rachel Gibbs three negroes named Gill
Janney & Bet and four cows & calves, one feather bed & furniture
and one iron pot during her natural life and after her
decease to be equally divided amongst all my children then
living I lend to my said wife the plantation and land
with the appurtenances already bequeathed to my son
William Gibbs During her widowhood it being the land
at the ridge. Continued on next page