

156 In the name of God Amen. The 6th day of August in the year of our Lord 1784 -
After much prayer being very weak in body & knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die. Do make & order in this my last will & Testament in
writing & form following; that is to say principally & first of all I give &
recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it & my
body I have opposed to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors
nothing desiring but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the like
again by the mighty power of God; And as touching death & worldly
estate where with it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give them
hereinafter of the same in the following manner before -
Inasmuch I give & bequeath to my loving wife Hannah the sum of £1000.
I never live with all its appendencies, one negro named Peter, one negress
named Hannah Lucy & two Chits in a horse named Lucy & Balafras two colts
of her own choice & two year old, two Breding Sows & the half of either
bed, furniture, clothes & Tacklings the riding saddle to have during
life, but not to sell any of the above property - Item. I give & bequeath
unto my son Benjamin (after paying him as a Rent due the sum of one
hundred pounds Sterling) the sum of Fifty pounds to be raised & given
of my estate as a legacy & a small English filly - Item I give & bequeath
unto my daughter Sarah the sum of Thirty pounds to be applied to some
pieces we at her option - These I give unto my Daughter Dorothy the
sum of five pounds & to her son Heywood Harris the sum of Fifty pounds
if applied to his learning if not to be equally divided between him
his Brothers. - Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Hannah the sum
of Five pounds & to her sons the sum of Fifty pounds to be equally divided
between them. Item I give & bequeath unto my son Josias the sum of
sum of Fifty pounds each & to his daughter the sum of Nine pounds the like
legacies all to be paid in hand money if possible & as soon as it can be
likely made out of the Estate. Likewise after all my just debts & funeral
charges & the above legacies are paid other Estates to off by my executors
what remains to be divided as follows viz To my son Benjamin one half
to my son Josias the other half to be equally divided amongst
and lastly I nominate & appoint my son Benjamin my sole executor &
Prest James Harris to be my sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament
and do disown & make void all other & former writing & testaments he
and his brother having been as before mentioned to be my last will &

in my soul and has power of mortgag'd Land & my
body I was or purposed to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors
nothing desiring but at the general Resurrection I should resurrect self
again by the mighty power of God; And as touching such worldly
estate wherewithal it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give them
Videlicet of the same in the following manner before me.

Wherefore I give & bequeath to my loving wife Hannah the sum of £1000.
I never live with all its appurtenances, one negro named Peter, one neg
black named Lucy their Child two horses named Lucy & Balafras two box
of horse brass choice & those year old, two Boarding Sours & the half of St. John
what furniture, carpet & Tacklings their riding Saddle to have during
life, but not to sell any of the above property — Item I give & bequeath
unto my son Benjamin (after paying £1000 as a first charge) the sum of one
hundred pounds Sterling the sum of Fifty pounds to be raised & divided
of my estate as a legacy & a small English filly — Item I give & bequeath
unto my daughter Sarah the sum of Thirty pounds to be applied to her
pious use at her option — Item I give unto my Daughter Dinah the
sum of five pounds & to her son Hezekiah Harris the sum of Fifty pounds
if applied to his learning if not to be equally divided between him
and his Brothers — Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Hannah the sum
of Five pounds & to her sons the sum of Fifty pounds to be equally divided
between them — Item I give & bequeath unto my son Joseph the sum of
the sum of Fifty pounds each & to his daughter the sum of Five pounds — The above
legacies all to be paid in hand money if possible & soon as it can be
easily made out of the Estate. Likewise after all my just debts & funeral
charges & the above legacies unpaid to the Estate I do off by my last will &
testament what remains to be divided as follows viz To my son Benjamin one half
to my son Joseph the other half to be equally divided amongst
And lastly I nominate & appoint my son Benjamin my sole executor of
my Estate James Harris to be my sole Executrix of this my last will & testament
and also discharg'd & make void all other & former wills & testaments he
made by him by word or writing & declare this only to be my last will &
testament & no trifling whereof I have herunto set my hand & seal the
XVII day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred &
sixty four signed sealed & delivered in the presence of
John McEachern &
John Harris
James Clark

Hannah Lewis
