

John Harris
William Harris

William Henderson

In the Name of God amn. this 13th day of April in the year of our Lord 1777,
I David Hays of the County of Spotsylvania & State of Virginia, being
well in body, full of perfect mind & memory blessed be God for his mercy
in giving to me the Merit of my body & that it is appointed for all
men once to die, do make this my last will & Testament in the manner
following viz. I give of all I possess to my lawful heirs,
to be buried after a Christian manner, and as touching such worldly
estate to which I have been blessed by God in this life, I do
hereby give & bequeath it in the following manner viz. To give my
beloved wife I leave all my Household Furniture, Linnen in the Plantation
on which we now dwell, together with the Horses and all the goods
pertaining to us exclusively at her own use, with all the profits that
shall arise until the death of my eldest son James at the age of Twenty
one years & in case she remains a Widow after the said term that she
may have privilege of her living on said plantation with the benefit
of House & Furniture as formerly during her Widowhood, also my blue
man & saddle horse, likewise five cows & a two year old steer, likewise
Twenty pounds of Carolina Currency towards schooling my children
which I allow to be done according to her own discretion, likewise
I leave the sheep to her for the use of the family to be shared among
the children as they leave her, likewise the Hogs for the use of the family
To James my eldest son I bequeath all my lands with houses & all
thereunto belonging to be his own property when he arrives at full
age in two as above mentioned, likewise a two year old bay mare
provided he gives his Brother Robert as good a tall and stout man may be
My Wagon & Horses, & all perishable Estate, & likewise of some Cattle
above mentioned I allow to be sold, and the value of them I equally divide
among seven of my children viz. Margaret, Elizabeth, Phoebe, Robert
Henry, John & Hugh Bernall Hays - Hugh Bernall & Charles Cotton
I make & declare & appoint Executors of this my last will and
Testament: And I do hereby utterly revoke & disannul all
former Wills, Testaments & Bequests by me formerly made

until the above date pronouncing & declaring this to none other
to be my last will & Testament

Pronounced by the said David Hays as his last
will & Testament & signed by him in presence
of us. William Hays

John Graham

Robert Barnwell

David Hays

22 In the name of God Amen. I Robert Henderson of the State of N.C. as of late
County of Mecklenburg being on a sick & low condition but sound
in mind & memory blessed be God for it. Recalling to mind the uncer-
tainly of life & the mortality of my body & that it was appointed
for all men to die; Do make this my last will & Testament in
the name & form following. First I recommended my soul to God who
gave it me & my body to the earth, from whence it was taken nothing
doubting but that I shall receive it again at the general resurrection
into the mighty power of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, & also I do
bequeath myself a clearest Discretion at the direction of my Executors
herein after named. - Then I do will & bequeath unto my wife
beloved wife Isabella Henderson her mare & saddle, & her and the
Children is to have the plantation land, & all the house hold furni-
ture, The two work Horses, some Cows, Hogs & sheep & is to live together
& work the plantation during her widowhood, but if she is
married again; I do allow all the personal Estate to be sold &
her to get the one third & the other two thirds to be equally di-
vided amongst my Daughters, allowing Hannah the value
of the mare now with her to her less than any of the rest. Then
I do will & bequeath unto my wife beloved daughter Hannah the boy
three year old filly & a new saddle to be made for her; I then I will &
bequeath unto my wife beloved son Wm Henderson the sword mare with
& a new saddle & Rifle gun; & to my son Richard the smooth baring gun
Then I do will & bequeath unto my two sons Wm & Richard Henderson
if they are able to live to their Mother I do then direct to her & the rest
of the children that plantation which I purchased from Thomas M. Lucas
to be equally divided between them when they come of age last
all then if it is to be divided between them when they come of age last