

State of North Carolina

Mecklenburg County } In the name of Gods Amen, I James Harris of
of this County State of North Carolina being in perfect health & sound in the use
of my Reason & fully aware that considering the mortality of my body
& knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, I do hereby consti-
tute & appoint this my last will & Testament! hereby I do revoke make
void & disannul all former wills & Testaments made by me
I recommend my soul into the hands of God as a merciful
Saviour. I commit my body to be decently interred in the Earth
at the discretion of my dear wife & Executors. I order all my lawful
Debts & funeral charges to be paid. I bequeath to my dear wife
four half Johannes in God & like wife forty pounds pro habitation
money, her bed & bed clothes I also bequeath to my dear wife during
her lifetime the use of the plantation & house on together with
all the improvements & appurtenances thereto belonging like
mine our Negro fellow named Lewis & any one horse she shall
make choice of belonging to my Estate, also three cows & one two
year old Steer & four sheep & one set of plow horse. Also all my house
hold furniture except what shall be hereafter particularly bequeathed
and at her decease I order that the said Articles except one bed coat
of the above which bed I order to be given to my daughter & son
son Baptist be sold & equally divided amongst all my children
I bequeath to my son Robert all my wearing apparel. I be-
queath to my daughter Jennett fifteen pounds lawfull money
of the State her bed & bed clothes, her saddle & spinning wheel I
also order one hundred pounds to be put to interest & the interest
arising from said one hundred pounds to be paid to her Annually
as long as she lives & at her decease the said one hundred pounds
to be equally divided amongst all my children I bequeath
to my daughter Mary fifteen pounds her bed & bed clothes her saddle
& spinning wheel. I also order that one hundred pounds be put to
interest, & the interest arising from said one hundred pounds
be paid to her Annually as long as she lives & at her decease the
said one hundred pounds to be equally divided amongst all my
children. I order that one hundred pounds be put to

knowing it is the last of my body
I appoint this my last will & testament (hereby I do revoke make
void & disannul all former wills & testaments made by me
In witness I commend my soul into the hands of God as a Mercifull
Father. Item I commit my body to be decently interred in the Earth
at the discretion of my dear wife & Executors. Item I order all my lawful
Debts & funeral charges to be paid. Item I bequeath to my dear wife
four half Johannes in Gold & like value forty pounds proskidation
money, her bed & bed clothes I also bequeath to my dear wife during
her lifetime the use of the plantation & house on together with
all the improvements & appurtenances thereunto belonging like
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make choice of belonging to my Estate, also three cows & one two
year old Steer & four sheep & one set of plow horse; also all my house
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as long as she lives & at her decease the said one hundred pounds
to be equally divided amongst all my children Item I bequeath
to my Daughter Mary fifteen pounds her bed & bed clothes her saddle
& spinning wheel. I also Order that one hundred pounds be put to
interest, & the Interest arising from said one hundred pounds
be paid to her Annually as long as she lives & at her decease the
said one hundred pounds to be equally divided amongst all my
children. Item I Order that one hundred pounds be put to
interest & the Interest arising from said one hundred pounds to
go to my Daughter Jennett's son Baptists use for his maintenance
as long as he lives and at his decease said one hundred pounds
to be equally divided amongst all my children —

Item. I order that what is over & above or remains of my estate after the above legacies are paid off be sold & equally divided amongst all my Children viz Robert, Samuel, Jennett, John James, Elizabeth, William & Mary & if any one of my Children herein named should die before the above legacies are their property, I order that their children shall be Heirs of part of my Estate here to be given to them parent by me, I like wise constitute & appoint Robert Harris son to Charles Harris and my two sons Samuel & John to be my Executors of this my last will & Testament. And my two sons Samuel & John & Charles Harris son Robert to be Guardians for my two daughters Jennett & Mary & my Daughter Jennett son & aplice.

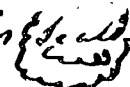
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 14th day of October in the year of our Lord 1778 -
Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us

who in testimony hereof have set our hands as Witnesses

Samuel Gingles

Adley Gingles

Margaret Gingles

James Harris 

" In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Thomas of the County of Mecklenburg & State of N^c Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind & memory thanks be to God therefore, calling to mind 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 my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it & my body I recommend to the dead to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors & as touching such worldly Estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give & dispose of the same in the following manner & form. viz - I give & bequeath unto Sarah Thomas my dearly beloved wife all & singular that part of my Estate which became mine at our intermarriage & which she was entitled to by her former Husband the property of which was hers that day before she became my wife -

Item. I give & bequeath to Allen Thomas my beloved son the one half of the Value of all my Lands & Tenements -