

them off. it shall be some other way provided for, and I allow that
first of all my lawful debts be paid; Notwithstanding what is said
concerning my wife's part, and next I allow that what money can be -
raised go to the purchase of a Dred for the land I now live on & also for
the same place the deed that is yet to come, I allow to be in my son
James's name, but still equally divided amongst my three sons above
named, and if the estate will not amount to clear the land, I allow that
one of the places be sold & the price go to the use of the boys, and if my wife
Merrin, I allow the boys to be bound out to trade - This I declare to be
my last will & Testament, to whom it shall come I have set my hand & seal this
16th day of September 1766

John Shields
Ezraus Houston

Walter Hogeworth

In the name of God Amen. This 26th day of July in the Year of our
Lord 1776 That I Thomas Harris of the Province of North Carolina County
of Mecklenburg, being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory
blessed be God therefore, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, know-
ing that it is appointed for all men once to die; Do make & ordain this
my last will & Testament, that is to say principally & first of all I give
& recommend my soul unto God that gave, my body so the Earth to be
buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the discretion of my Exors.
nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same
again by the mighty power of God; And as Touching such worldly estate
whereunto it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give
Devise & dispose of the same in the following manner

First. It is my will & I do allow my beloved wife Rachel her bed & bed
clothes to be for her use and at her disposal -

Then. It is my will & I do allow my other bed for the use of my three Children

Then. It is my will & I do allow the plantation that I do now live on &
all my personal estate, (That is my real & personal Estate not before men-
tioned) to be sold & the money equally divided to my wife Rachel & my
three Children James, William Harris, Agnes Harris & Jeremiah Harris.
Then It is my will & I do allow that the Interest of the divided sums of
money that my real & personal Estate shall amount to. It is my will

And I do allow it for the Maintenance & Support of my three Children
whose names as before mentioned only my wife divided sum not to be for
for the Maintenance & Support of my Children, but be it to the Interest
to be for her own use & disposal

Item It is my Will & I do allow that before any Division of my Estate
is made that all my Just & lawful debts & funeral charges be fully
paid & satisfied - Item It is my Will & I do allow my Brother
Samuel Harris & James Harris & my beloved wife Rachel to be my
Joint Executors of this my last Will & Testament, testifying this and
confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament, In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 26th day of July -
A.D. 1776 - Signed, Sealed, declared &

pronounced In presence of

Abraham Getton
Margaret Gingles
James Harris

Thomas Harris

Codicil to the above

Item It is my Will & I do allow that if in case any thing should
happen that shall render my wife Incapable or unwilling to support
& maintain those my three children above mentioned upon the
Interest of their money to them be it so & requested that then the
apart and Interest shall be secured for each of them for their use
when they come of Age. - testifying & confirming this & no other to
be my last Will & Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & Seal this 26th day of July Anno Domini 1776 -
Signed, Sealed, declared & pronounced

In presence of

Abraham Getton
Margaret Gingles
James Harris

Thomas Harris

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Hall of the County of Northampton
& Province of N^o Carolina, though weak in body, yet through the abundant
goodness & mercy of God of sound understanding & memory, Do Will & Bequeath
my soul into the hand of God my maker beseeching his most gracious
acceptance of it thro' the merits & mediation of my most compassionate
Redeemer Jesus Christ beloved Son of the Father