

And I find that all my life I have been - and am
 living to me as well as my father.

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Kinder - It is very kind that my whole family, friends and neighbors should have been
 present & that we have had so much assistance on this day & that all the children
 of my church were present.

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Signed by the witness at the time of the death, ...

Abundant in presence of 100 black other

Benjamin Harrison
1793-1833

the influence of God, & man. I felt him take a spiteful beauty of
revelation, & placing with the work in body, but sometimes mind &
- made up, being sensible that it is appointed for all men to die.
I also make it certain that this is my last will & testament.

First. I give my Soul to God who gave it, and my body to be decently
buried at the discretion of my friends & Sacraments -
And all I leave my my heart by testament thus be it with pleased
God to bless me with I dispose of them as follows -

- 1st I allow all my Land & Debts to be paid &
- 2nd I give & bequeath to my beloved wife & my son William I give the whole of my plantation on which I now live on together with the mill including the whole of the different barneys adjoining & except the boundaries that I often made bequeath to my son James said plantation with & give I allow my wife & the children to bequeath as they see fit in as long as long as my wife & children shall be alive & after the whole of said plantation bequeath to my beloved son William -
- 3rd I give & bequeath to my beloved son James the plantation he now lives on known as a following survey. Where he spent the above black times as per the survey of the creek leaving out the back to it proper above the mill & over the bottom field then a direct course leaving out the field to the bridge across the river with said line to the mill & over the bridge across to the ground line at the Henry's bridge & land bequeath them with lands to be in Patience, & the whole of the above lands to the beginning - 4th I likewise give & bequeath to my son James said Grand son William & son John the whole of the lands I bought from Henry Thompson to be equally divided between them -
- 5th I give & bequeath to my beloved son Thomas the whole of the plantation that he now lives on together with the bottom ground and as per the survey that I bought from James Myler
- 6th I give & bequeath to my Grand son William & Harri the survey that I bought from John's friends containing 105 acres of land likewise a small survey I bought from Joseph Meade -
- 7th I give & bequeath to my two beloved daughters Nancy & Elizabeth the whole of the plantation that I bought from Joseph Meade & John containing two hundred & 40 acres of land to be equally divided between them -
- 8th I give & bequeath to my beloved wife three Slaves, Sam, Dan & Phillis for her use & support but on condition that said Slaves will not be possessed by my wife so as to be used to buy the way or make sale of any of said Slaves as she may think proper
- 9th I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Jennet a negro girl named

- Meck & his I allow my wife the said William to enjoy the same in as long as long as my wife or children shall live & after the whole of said plantation to be to my beloved son William —
- 3^d I give & bequeath to my beloved son James the plantation he now lives on known as a following land. Where he spent his time blacks time. as per the survey of the creek leaving out the bank to it paper above the mill. more fully bottom side, then a direct road leaving out the side to it. which the same line runs with said line to the mill road. then a direct line to John James line at the Henry's place & land be together with four John Pattersons, which will be the same & the same to the beginning — 4th I like more give & bequeath to my son James and Grand son William Newton Black the whole of the land I bought from Henry Thompson to be equally divided between them —
- 5th I give & bequeath to my beloved son Thomas the whole of the plantation that he now lives on together with the bottom gin and as fifty acre survey that I bought from James Mylin
- 6th Item I give & bequeath to my Grand son William to have the survey that I bought from Tobias Harris containing 105 acres of Land likewise a small survey I bought from Joseph Meade —
- 7th I give & bequeath to my true beloved daughters I come & all together the whole of the plantation that I bought from Joseph Meade's place containing two hundred & 40 acres of Land to be equally divided between them —
- 8th I give & bequeath to my beloved wife three Slaves, Joan, Dora & Phillis for her use & support but on condition that said Slaves will not be governed by my wife so as to be as free to buy the money or make sale of any of said Slaves as she may think proper
- 9th I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Jennet a negro Girl named Cary
- 10th I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary a negro Girl named Harriet —
11. I give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Eliza a negro Boy named Jake —

12th I give & bequeath to my son James one negro girl named
Catherine —

13th I give & bequeath to my son Thomas one negro girl named
Charlotte —

14th I give & bequeath to my son William one negro boy
named Sam and Sam —

15th I give & bequeath to my beloved wife my negro Dasher
Alvin my negro child Bartlett —

16th I give & bequeath to my wife two Hound dog whines, likewise
four cows & calves of her choice & three head of sheep
of her choice & likewise I give & bequeath to my wife
the whole of my dogs that is in the pen, & in her pen & about
and also the two third of my cat dogs —

17th I give & bequeath to my beloved wife the whole of my household
& kitchen furniture together with the whole of my books
to be had & it be disposed —

18th I give & bequeath to my wife John William my weapons
and the whole of my running & tensile —

19th I give & bequeath to my beloved wife the whole of the money
that I now have on hand, and also the whole of my dogs in hand
both Lion & Potters & also the whole of my clothing of every kind —

20th I give & bequeath to my son James one hundred dollars in gold
or silver here and also four head of sheep —

21th I give & bequeath to my son William one horse his choice & two
cows & calves, four head of sheep —

22th It is my will & desire that the whole of my property that is real
specifically bequeathed & bequeathed that it be put up to public sale by my
executors at twelve months credit & the money arising from said
sale & the remainder of my estate I book accounts after my death is
paid the remainder of said money is to be equally divided between my
five children, James, Sam, George, Elizabeth, Thomas, & William —

23rd I bequeath to my wife her saddle & bridle —

I hereby nominate & constitute & appoint my two trusty friends
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James Dear and full.

- 13th I give & bequeath to my beloved wife my negro Dasher
which was my negro child's name.
- 14th I give & bequeath to my wife two Horses her choice, likewise
four cows & calves of her choice & three head of sheep
of her choice & likewise I give & bequeath to my wife
the whole of my Negroes that is in the firm for her use & support
and also the land thereof of my own Negroes.
- 15th I give & bequeath to my beloved wife the whole of my household
& household furniture together with the whole of my books
to be had & it then disposed.
- 16th I give & bequeath to my wife when William my youngest
and the whole of my farming utensils.
- 17th I give & bequeath to my beloved wife the whole of the money
that I now have on hand, and also the whole of my debt on hand
both loan & other & also the whole of my clothing of every kind.
- 18th I give & bequeath to my son James one hundred dollars in gold
or silver here and also four head of sheep.
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cows & calves, four head of sheep.
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executors at twelve months credit & the money arising from said
sale & the remainder of my notes & book accounts after my debt is
paid the remainder of said money is to be equally divided between my
six children, James, James, Henry, Elizabeth, Thomas, & William.
- 21st I bequeath to my wife her saddle & bridle.
- I hereby, nominate, constitute & appoint my two trusty friends
James A. Black & William Black to execute this my last will
& Testament - Given under my hand & seal 6th day of November
1824 - Test John Black
James Black
James Black } William Black