

we have made shall have the above property equally divided among them and I do nominate and appoint my son James Harrison whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament making said all other wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

In presence of

(Seal)

State of North Carolina, Nash County court Nov. Term 1827

The foregoing last will and testament of John Harrison deceased was proven in due form of law in open court by the oath of John Derring Fred Battle and James Arent and in motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest H Blount, C.C.C.

and is recorded.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Cooper of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being in a low state of health but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same knowing that it is appointed for all persons to die I do therefore make and declare this to be my last will and testament and in manner and form following.

First: I recommend my soul to God who gave it me and my body to the earth to be buried in a christian like manner as touching my worldly goods they are followeth.

First: I lend to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Batchelor during her natural life the following property that is to say all of my lands whereon I now live also all of my property of every description except my negroes. Also I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter twenty dollars in cash to be paid her out of the value of the negroes.

2nd. My will is that Polly Cooper the widow of Isham Cooper and her children in joy the benefit of my negroes man Harry (labor) until my son James Cooper or some person in his name applies for him.

3rd. My will is that said negroes Harry be valued by three fit persons appointed by my executors or some other person under his directions three persons is to be unconnected and sworn. and that my son James Cooper take said negro at the valuation to him and his heirs forever.

4th. My will and desire is that the rest of my negroes in the western State is to wit Biff and her increase to be valued in like manner as afore-said and said negroes after being valued is to be divided between my sons John Cooper and my grand children Alfred Cooper, Nancy, Lucy Elizabeth and Isham Ann Cooper and my son James Cooper as near as they can be in value so as my son James to keep Harry as afore-named but if Harry should be valued to more than his equal share then my son James is to pay to the others John Cooper and my above named grand children but if Harry should be considered not as much as the one third part which my will is that they be divided

in three parts then he is to receive from the others valuation to them and their heirs forever.

5th. The land and other property which I lent to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Batchelor during her life <sup>my</sup> is that after her death that all go to my grandson George Washington Batchelor to him and his heirs forever. My will is that should there be any debts owing from me to any person after my death that the debt owing to me from Berry Upchurch should go to pay and should that not be enough the balance is to come out of the value of the said negroes both in selling my estate and every other case whatsoever. I do hereby appoint beloved son James Cooper executor to this my last will and testament revoking all other wills heretofore by me made publishing and declaring this to be my last will and testament. Signed, sealed and acknowledged this in presence of us. this 22nd day of October 1827.

Gideon Bess  
William Parrot  
mark  
Little B. White

her  
Elizabeth x Cooper (Seal)  
mark.

State of North Carolina, Nash County court, Nov. Term 1827

The foregoing last will and testament of Elizabeth Cooper was executed in open court and the execution thereof duly proven by Gideon Bess and Little B. White two of the subscribing witnesses the rate and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest H Blount, C.C.C.

and is recorded

H Blount, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Randolph Harris of Nash County and State of North Carolina being of sound memory and disposing memory do this 30th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following. First: I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Mason, five shillings to her and her heirs Item: I lend to my said daughter Rebecca Mason in case she shall left a widow and not otherwise the use of one negro man named George during her natural life or widowhood.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Rebecca Masons children five hundred dollars with one half of said money to be applied to the use of my said daughters Rebecca Mason conditionally that is if she be left a widow and not otherwise and my desire is that my son Joel Harris and Jesse Thorp take charge of said money and put it on interest so that they shall be entitled to draw their equal part which I give to them and their heirs forever. Item: I lend to my daughter Mary Atkinson two negro girls named Lot and Cate and their increase also one negro man named Cuff during her natural life and at her death my will is that should my said daughter Mary die leaving

a child or children that such child or children inherit possess and enjoy in them an absolute right them and their heirs and to the aforesaid negroes namely Lot, Cat and Buff as before mentioned but if my said daughter Mary Atkins die without an heir begotten of her body that the said negroes above named be equally divided between my two sons Canfield and Joel Harris to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Canfield Harris all the right which he formerly held and which I now hold by virtue of a bill of sale from him of his part in a legacy bequeathed by his uncle Edwin Beard, deceased in his will and testament to him and his heirs forever.

Item. My will and desire is that the residue of my estate both real and personal after satisfying the abovesaid legacies be equally divided between my two sons Canfield Harris and Joel Harris to them their heirs and assigns forever. Lastly I do hereby appoint my son Joel Harris and my friend Jesse ~~Thorp~~ and Sam Smith executors to this my last will and testament and declaring null and void all former will by me made signed, sealed and acknowledged by the testator as this last will and testament in presence of us.

Lewis Hines  
Alexander Smith  
John Atkinson.

Randolph Harris (Seal)

State of North Carolina, Nash County court Nov Term 1828

The foregoing last will and testament of Randolph Harris was duly proven in open court on oath of John A. Atkinson and on motion ordered to be recorded. And is recorded. Attest H. Blount, C.C.C.

In The Name of God Amen. I Robert C. Hilliard of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following Imprimis: (That is to say) Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ammeryllis Hilliard one bay Mule called Pope, one grey mare I bought of M. Battley, one bay colt three years old next spring, one bay mare, three cows, and calves, one yoke of work steers and cart, six sows and pigs, twelve head of sheep, to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son William H. Hilliard one negro boy named Joe, one bed and furniture, and one sorrel mule to him his heirs and assigns forever. Item: I give and bequeath unto my son John H. Hilliard one negro boy named Willie, one bed and furniture one sorrel colt three years old next spring to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary J. M. A. E. J. Hilliard one negro girl namedalley, one bed and furniture, one black walnut Beareau to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Leah C. Hilliard one negro girl named Leaisa, one bed and furniture and dressing looking glass to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ammeryllis W. Hilliard one negro girl named Beck, one bed and furniture and twenty dollars to her her heirs and assigns forever. Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca E. Hilliard one negro girl named Liza, one bed and furniture and twenty dollars to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Robert C. T. Hilliard, one negro girl named Pink, and one negro boy named Caesar, one bed and furniture to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I lend unto my beloved wife Ammeryllis Hilliard my mansion plantation with all the lands I bought of William Whitehead except about one hundred acres lying in the north west corner of said tract adjoining the lands of Jacob Ing and Dempsey Taylor beginning at the old dam near the Garden thence running up the branch to the fork of said branch thence a parallel line with Jacob Ings to the back line, also I lend to my said wife one still called John Hilliard still, all the cider cask, apple mill and cider presses, also I lend to my said wife all the household and kitchen furniture and one riding gig and harness also lend to my said wife the following negroes to wit Hannah, Temp, Susan, Peg, Morning, Chaney, Nolley, Anthony, Linney, ~~Maria~~, George and Nathan, and at her death I give and bequeath all the land I lent to my said wife to two of my sons William H. Hilliard and Robert C. T. Hilliard to be equally divided between my said two sons William H. Hilliard and Robert C. T. Hilliard to them their heirs and assigns forever; and the other estate I lent to my said wife, I give to my seven children viz; William H. Hilliard, John H. Hilliard, Mary J. M. A. E. J. Hilliard, Leah E. Hilliard, Ammeryllis W. Hilliard, Rebecca E. Hilliard and my son Robert C. T. Hilliard to be equally divided amongst them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca E. Hilliard all my land lying on the north side of the ~~lane~~ swamp known by the name of the Talbert tract of land supposed to be about one hundred and forty acres to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my two sons William H. Hilliard and Robert C. T. Hilliard all the ballance of that tract of land known by the name of the Talbert's tract of land lying on the south side of lane swamp to be equally divided betwixt my said two sons William H. Hilliard and Robert C. T. Hilliard to them their heirs and assigns forever.