

and not to be sold or taken for any debt that he may have, or may hereafter contract or make. 3rd I lend to my Father Hardy Richards fifty dollars per year to be taken out by my Executor for provisions and clothing for him, and if in the good judgment of my Executor the fifty dollars shall not be a sufficient sum for his support and clothing, then my said Executor shall allow him more, but I give or lend him a debt to be subject or taken in any way to pay his debts or for him to draw in any way from my Executor other than I may direct: it is the true intent and meaning of this my last will and desire that if my said Father shall live, or circumstances may make it necessary that my Executor lay out as before directed the whole of my said Estate but for him to use good Judgment in the discharge of his duty. 4th: It is my will and desire that after my said Father Hardy Richards shall die that my executor shall sell at publick sale all the property as last above, and the balances of the money paid of my debt pay over to Thomas Bland Black Son of Geo. W. Black. 5th: I give and bequeath to Thomas B. Black Son of Geo. W. Black all the remaining part of my Estate, after the death of my Father, but if the said Thomas B. Black should die before he arrives to the lawful age, my will and desire is that my ~~estate~~ Estate be given to him be equally divided between the surviving children of Phibe B. Black now the wife of Geo. M. Black.

6th I nominate and appoint my Friend Samuel Hargrove for my whole and sole Executor to this my last will and desire. As witness my hand and seal this 15th day of November 1837.

Signed sealed and acknowledged

in presence of
Littell Mason
Michael Harris

Thomas H. & S. Richards

Northampton County June Court 1840

This last will & Testament of Thomas H. & S. Richards was exhibited in open Court, and Pompey R. Harris, Abner Harris & Benjamin Harris, being duly sworn, depose and say that they truly believe that the signature of Thomas H. & S. Richards, and which appears to the said will is in the proper hand writing of the said Thomas H. & S. Richards, also that the signatures of Littell Mason and Michael Harris are whose names appears as subscribing witnesses to the said will is in their proper hand writing, ordered by the Court that the will be certified & recorded, & Samuel Hargrove be the Executor named in said will if equal, when upon a motion & administration with the said annexed is granted to George W. Black who is now in bond in the penalty of two thousand dollars can be joined with Simon Harris & Henry W. Jory be recorded

Michael Harris Will

In the name of God Amen. I Michael Harris of Northampton County and State of New Jersey being on health and of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, in this manner and form following: (To wit) Item the 1st. my will and desire is that all my just debts be paid Item 2nd I leave unto my wife Elizabeth Harris all my property both real and personal during her natural life.

Item 3rd After my wife death my will and desire is that my son Abner Harris do have and use by then personal give unto him my said tract of Land that I purchased of Pompey R. Harris bounded as follow Beginning on a black oak and running on the south side of the road thence running a south course to a black gum in the meadow Swamp thence across the Swamp to an ash in John Russ line thence up the said Russ line to a poplar a corner of said Russ and said Abner Harris thence up a branch to a post on the south side of the road thence up the road to the beginning I also give him and work that he has had in possession to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item the 4th I give to my son John B. Harris my house tract of land beginning in Abner Harris line a corner gum in the meadow Swamp thence along his line a north course to a black oak and running on the south side of the road thence up the road to a mulberry tree on the north side of the road Abner Harris corner thence north to a walnut tree thence west to a red oak thence south to a large pine in the south side of the road thence south to a bent gum in the head of a branch thence across the said branch to the meadow Swamp thence across the said Swamp to the black gum at the beginning I also give him my cotton gin and still and first choice of my father beds and furniture with a hope that he will live with his mother and take care of her during her life.

Item the 5th. I give and bequeath a son Hardy Harris the lands out of the lands I have given my son John B. Harris Beginning on his corner pine at the road thence along his line to a bent gum in the head of a branch thence across the said branch to the meadow Swamp thence up the same to a small branch thence north up the said branch to 3 small meadows in Pompey R. Harris line thence along his line North to a large black oak near the dwelling House thence East along said Harris line to a stake thence north to the road thence East to the pine at the beginning I also give him second choice of my beds and furniture

Item the 6th I give by then personal nomination and appoint my wife Elizabeth Harris

Writing this entry is the my last will and testament.

Now to my will and desire is that at my wife's death that all my lands lying on the north side of the river called the Smith brook may be sold to the highest bidder and innumerable credit - and also all of my house hold and kitchen furniture plantation utensils and stock of all kinds - the only if any on hand at my wife's death I want my son John to have after paying all expenses of the said crops and the money arising from the sale of the above lands and property left to be sold I wish equally divided between my three sons Francis Harris Benjamin Harris and Henry Harris my son-in-law that my son Benjamin claims I give to him independent of his share of the above property given him. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of June 1839.

Witness

Michael Harris

Hardy Richards

Northampton County Court 1840.

This last will and testament of Michael Harris dead was exhibited in open Court & proved in due form of law by the oath of Hardy Richards the subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be certified & recorded whereupon Elizabeth Harris the surviving widow named qualified as the last executrix.

Test M^{rs} Elizabeth Harris

James M. Wood's Will.

In the name of God Amen, I James M. Wood of the County of Northampton being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory at this day make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following - first I leave to my beloved wife Sarah M. Wood the following land bounded as follows beginning at Thomas & Hollingsworth corner on the meadow in River then running with the line to crossing line thence with that line to Henry & Mitchell line thence with this line to the fork of a branch thence down the branch to Beith's old mill dam. thence along a path to the gate of Handlans field thence across the field which divides Handlans field and the river field to Thurstons thence down the River to the beginning containing about three hundred and eighty acres.

Now I give and bequeath unto my son Augustus M. Wood at the death of his mother the said land which I have bequeathed to her to have and his heirs forever.

Now I give unto my son James M. Wood the balance of my meadow land to have and his heirs forever unless it should turn out that my wife should be delivered of a son of which she is now pregnant then and in that case my will and desire is that the whole of my meadow land be equally divided between my son James M. Wood my son Augustus M. Wood and his child that my wife is now pregnant with provided it be a son and live to arrive at the age of ten years. My will and desire is that the balance of the land to James and Augustus stand as before divided & if a girl the balance are not to be affected but stand as directed to James and Augustus to have and their heirs forever in neither case the land to my wife during her life is not to be affected.

Now I give and bequeath unto my son William M. Wood the whole of my interest in and to a tract of land lying in the State of Maine Brunswick County. I also give him all the property both real and personal contained in a deed of conveyance made to me by Samuel Wood which is of record in the clerk's office of Northampton subject however to the payment of certain bonds or notes which I hold against the said Samuel Wood in the following manner that is to say I wish my executors to proceed immediately to collect from said Samuel Wood the amount of the bonds which I hold against him and if it should be found that the full amount cannot be recovered from him & Samuel then the property under same and assets to William M. Wood is to be subject to pay the balance of said debt and me. I also give to William M. Wood all the claims I hold against him to him and his heirs forever.

As regards my personal estate I wish it disposed of in the following manner. First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah M. Wood my carriage harness and carriages horses and bed and furniture her choice and ample provision for herself and family one year. My will and desire is that the whole of my negroes except such as I shall direct to be sold or as may be necessary to sell be equally divided between my beloved wife & all my children that may be alive at the time of the division of the same William M. Wood and William S. Brown accounting for their share as to them. My further will and desire is that in the division of my negroes the whole of them be sold by such persons as the County Court may direct and after such sale is made that my wife be permitted to select from the whole number such negroes as she may prefer to make her portion equal to a child's part and after my wife has made her selection my desire is that my daughter Sally be permitted to make her selection to obtain her portion and to inherit