

Littles Mason's Will

I Littles Mason of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina do make and declare this my last will and Testament as followeth. I give to my four sons of living and if not to their heirs if any of them, David M. Mason Thomas Mason Henry Mason and Benjamin Mason. I hereby give unto each to be paid out of my estate and no more to them nor their heirs forever. I give to my four daughters if living and if not to their heirs if any of them, Frances S. Garrison Elizabeth M. Mason formerly Mary Mason and Martha S. Mason twenty five cents each to be paid out of my estate and no more to them nor their heirs forever. I hereby give to Martha S. Mason one feather bed which she may keep but no more of my estate.

I give to my friend Sampson R. Harris all my Negro namely, negro man Matt. William Sige, boy Sam. by name, boy Joe and two girls, Lydia & Mary making seven in all, and their future increase to him and his heirs forever. I also give to said Sampson R. Harris all my grass land and Accoures, together with all other due to me as my household and kitchen furniture of every description as my stock of cattle, hogs, and white hares, three or more head of cattle, and work team three cows calves and two yearlings, and by deed of of hogs also all my plantation utensils of every description, whatever now have the said Sampson R. Harris and his heirs forever.

Lastly, I do nominate and appoint my dear friend Sampson R. Harris Executor to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal the 9th day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and forty eight signed sealed and acknowledged

in presence of us  
his  
Sons  
mark  
James S. Jordan  
Amos B. Bickens  
mark

Littles Mason Seal

Northampton County June Court 1848

This last will & Testament of Littles Mason doct was exhibited in open Court & proved in due form of law by the oaths of James Jordan James S. Jordan & Amos Bickens the subscribing witnesses thereto, and by the Court that the will be recorded. Where upon Sampson R. Harris the Executor therein named qualified as the Law requires.

Test Wm. Patterson Clerk

Over the Woods Mill

I Court Clerk of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina be of law mind and memory but last during the sickness of my worthy Testator do make and declare this my last will and Testament. In manner and form as following that is to say

First that my Executor Thomas S. Power

I give to my beloved grand son William S. Jenkins and his and functions and one duck and land to his mother from my death until he come of age

Then I give to my beloved grand son James S. Power and his wife living and functions and blue long pants christ and land to his father until he become of age

Then I give to my beloved grand daughter Mary Jenkins and her and functions and one small pants christ and land there to her mother until she become of age

Then I give to my beloved daughter Mary Jenkins the sum of five dollars cash and things thereto appertaining and I see my house and land to be sold and all of my other property now named in my will and after paying of all of debt and expenses the remains of it shall be equally divide among William Jenkins & James S. Power and Mary Jenkins by my executor

and I do hereby appoint my trusty friend Thomas S. Power my lawful Executor to do Justice and pursue to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof to be my last will and Testament when I hereunto set my hand and for my seal this 10th

May 1848  
Witness  
James S. Jordan  
Amos Bickens  
Charles Jenkins

Court Wm. Patterson Clerk

Northampton County June Court 1848

This last will & Testament of Court Clerk doct was by exhibited in open Court & proved in due form of law by the oaths of John Allen & James Pattee two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and by the Court that the will be recorded, where upon Thomas S. Power the Executor therein named qualified as the Law directs

Test Wm. Patterson Clerk

Thomas H. Bickens's Will

I Thomas H. Bickens of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina do make and declare this my last will and declare in manner and form as followeth. 1<sup>st</sup> My wife and exec is that my Executor shall pay at my just debts out of my estate. 3<sup>rd</sup> I leave to my father Henry Bickens all my household and kitchen furniture all my stock of every kind whatsoever to his only

and not to be sold or taken for any debt that he may have, or may hereafter contract or make. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 the debt 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.

4<sup>th</sup>: 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 balance of the money paid, if any, to pay over to Thomas B. Clark son of Geo. W. Clark. 5<sup>th</sup>: I give and bequeath to Thomas B. Clark son of Geo. W. Clark all the remaining part of my estate, after the death of my Father, but if the said Thomas B. Clark should die before he arrives to the lawful age, my will and desire is that my ~~estate~~ Estate to given to him be equally divided between the surviving children of Phileas B. Clark now the wife of Geo. W. Clark.

6<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1837.

Signed sealed and acknowledged

in presence of

Littell Mason

Michael Harris

Thomas H. & Richards

Northampton County Jan. Court 1840

This last will & Testament of Thomas H. & 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. & Richards, and which appears to the said will is in the proper hand writing of the said Thomas H. & Richards, also that the signatures of Littell Mason and Michael Harris and 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 need be, when upon a motion & administration with the said annexed is granted to George W. Clark who arrived into bond in the sum of two thousand dollars can be paid with Simmons Harris & Henry W. J. Harris

and qualified as the law directs.

Test. J. H. Harris etc.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> my will and desire is that all my just debts be paid. Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I leave unto my wife Elizabeth Harris all my property both real and personal during her natural life.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> After my wife death my will and desire is that my son Abner Harris do have, and do by three persons 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 mill 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 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to son Hardy Harris the landy out of the land 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 maples in Pompey R. Harris line thence along his line North to 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 6<sup>th</sup> I do by three persons nominate and appoint my wife Elizabeth Harris