

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 acres - and also all of my house hold and kitchen furniture plantation at present and also 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 Land 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 & Hollenback's corner on the meadow in River then running with the line to crossing line thence with that line to Henry & Mitchell's line thence with this line to the fork of a branch thence down the branch to Beattie'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 Thiers' river 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 then the property under a note and account to William M. Wood is to be subject to pay the balance of said debt and more. 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

manor I wish my daughter Selie to be permitted to make her situation to them, her portion and the balance to be drawn for in the usual manner among the other children the one not being as much as the others which I give to them and their heirs forever my will and desire is that my now prisoners remain in my house for the use of my daughter Sally and Selie, until one of them should marry, at which time I wish one of them to take it and account with the other for half the value though my father will and desire is that my wife hire my negro men Sam and Abram either at publick or private sale as they may think best, and if it should turn out that it becomes necessary to sell more negroes than the two mentioned then my wish is that my Executors sell such negroes as they and my wife think best and see them in the way they may think best my father will and desire is that William A Wood and William A Brown shall not account for any advancements made by me to them of the negroes and I give and bequeath unto all my other children one bed and furniture each my father will and desire is that in all cases where it becomes necessary for the management of my estate to have an attorney at law or counsellor that my friends Col. J. Whitaker be employed as well as any other counsellor which may be necessary my father will and desire is that the whole of my property not given away or disposed of be sold by my Executors and after paying my just debts the balance if any is to be equally divided between my beloved wife and the whole of my children the unborn one as well as the others my father will and desire is that my interest in the negroes belonging to the estate of Selie Luster which was loaned to Selie Luster and sold to me by Henry Luster be equally divided between my daughters as soon as they can be turned out to possession to them and their heirs forever.

Lastly I do by these presents constitute nominate & appoint my friend Collin M Barnes and my son William A Wood whole and sole Executors to this my last will and testament nothing as otherwise by me heretofore made and ~~alanning~~ this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 20th day of September 1839.

Signed sealed and acknowledged

In presence of
 Alfred Kellogg
 Isaac Howard

Witness C. L. Wood here by my last will and testament. In writing

John A. Wood

bearing date the 20th of September 1839. I hereby make certain provisions which might and would interfere with the completion of certain jobs of work which I wish done and completed before the division of my negroes. therefore I do by this my writing which I hereby declare to be a codicil to my said will to be taken and construed as a part thereof in the following manner, that it is my will and desire is that my Executors last therein named take a part of my negroes men and cause them to work on my saw which runs out the river water from my farm until it is completed in such manner as they may think well second the farm from inundation and my father will and desire is that my said Executors have my kitchen moved and placed my yard and garden fence in and a small room built and attached to said kitchen and when such hands as may be put to work on the same is prevented by bad weather from working on the same then I wish them to work for my wife and her farm and whereas since the making my will aforesaid I have agreed with Thos. S. A. Holleman to purchase his land which is adjoining my tract at three dollars per acre now my will and desire is that my Executors or Executors claim the contract made by me with him when he was at the age of twenty one years his executing a title for the same and they or either of them are hereby authorized and empowered to pay for the same as the debt due by me and my wife and desire is that one hundred and fifty acres of the land so purchased be set apart to my beloved wife Harriet Wood in addition to the quantity already given her for and during her natural life the line to commence was at the hill near the dam above the Holleman house just and run out to shadow my line so as to include the field opposite my dwelling house and my father will and desire is that the whole of my Land on the northern River including the tract purchased of Holleman be equally divided between my son James A Wood Augustus Aaron Wood and Alfred Whitaker Wood according to the direction of the aforesaid will and should my Executors or Executors fail to obtain title from said Holleman then my will and desire is that my Land be divided as before directed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord 1840.

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of

Alfred Kellogg }
 Isaac Howard }
 John A. Wood }
 William A. Wood }
 Alfred Kellogg }
 Isaac Howard }
 John A. Wood }
 William A. Wood }

Testament together with the codicil thereto annexed of James H. Bond and was published in open court & proved in due form of Law (to wit) the will by the oaths of Alfred Starkey & James Sherry the subscribing attesting thereto and the codicil annexed thereto by the oaths of Alfred Starkey & Sidney Cobb the subscribing attesting thereto and I ordered by the court that the will & the codicil thereto annexed be ratified & recorded whereupon Collier W. Raring ^{Minors & Ward} of the executors named in said will qualified as the Law directs.

Ed. W. Bond att.

William W. Wilkins Will

I William W. Wilkins of the County of Northampton & State of North Carolina do constitute & appoint this my last Will & Testament.

I give & bequeath to my sons Edmund Wilkins & John S. Wilkins my Hindlar Farm on Roanoke river in the lower part of Northampton County containing thirteen fifty one acres, to them & their heirs & assigns forever & the lands I purchased of Isaac Williams & the lands I purchased of Barnard & wife adjoining the same & I have given & delivered as an advancement to Edmund Wilkins forty one negroes on the 1st January 1831 with their increase from that date as well more fully appear by a list of the negroes from under my hand to him & his heirs forever & I have given & delivered as an advancement to John S. Wilkins the ten forty negroes on 1st January 1831 with their increase from that date as well more fully appear by a list of the negroes from under my hand to him & his heirs forever.

I give & bequeath to my son W. W. Wilkins to him & his heirs forever one half of the lands I purchased of Peter Woodling on Roanoke river & the lands I purchased of Lewis Patton & wife adjoining the same & the lands I purchased of Arthur Ring & wife & the lands I purchased of William & Edens Executors on Roanoke river & the lands I purchased of Charles R. Eaton adjoining the same & the land I purchased of Franklin Vincent & wife & the land I purchased of Michael Current to him & his heirs & assigns forever attesting to the said W. W. Wilkins the upper half of all the lands containing my dwelling house in his half & I have given & delivered as an advancement to W. W. Wilkins forty negroes on 1st Jan'y 1831 with their increase from that date as well more fully appear by a list of the negroes from under my hand to him & his heirs forever.

I give & bequeath to my grandsons Edmund Brodnax my grand son John Brodnax my grand daughter Sally S. Brodnax children of my daughter Anna R. Brodnax & Alexander Brodnax the other half of the tract of land decessed above to W. W. Wilkins attesting to them the lower part of the lands to them & their heirs forever & I give

the Henry one half to them & the other half to my son W. W. Wilkins; And whereas by the construction of the last Will & Testament of Alexander Brodnax is now deceased in Roanoke with Henry Custom Virginia, Ann Rebecca Brodnax his widow at his death a marriage was had to account for say Edward Sally S. John Brodnax children of Alexander Brodnax & A. R. Brodnax the sum of Five thousand dollars the amount of Alexander Brodnax personal estate consisting of money house hold furniture stock crops &c. which I know was not his intention or desire that this should account for to them or his Executors but was occasioned by a mistake in the copy of said Brodnax Will & Testament & now to accomplish what I know was his true intention.

I do hereby revoke & make null & void the bequest in the my last Will & Testament dividing to the said Edward Sally S. John Brodnax my grand children one half of my land in the upper part of Northampton County North Carolina on Roanoke river as well appear in my will & Testament above. If my said grand children then then equal at any time of the age of twenty one year fail or refuse to relinquish to their Mother her heirs & all claimants for the said Five thousand dollars & give a full discharge to her for the same from demands & the demand from the Executors of Alexander Brodnax for the same, when their said Mother Anne Raring is dead, I do hereby desire & desire that their Mother ~~then~~ her heirs & Executors shall have a fresh simple estate in the said land of the share of either of the said children their heirs or Executors, who shall fail or refuse to give their Mother a full discharge & acquittance from all demands for the said Five thousand dollars & amounts as they come of age.

I have given & delivered as an advancement to Alexander Brodnax in his life time forty negroes on 1st Jan'y 1831 with their increase from that date as well more fully appear by a list of the negroes from under my hand to him & his heirs forever which he has devised away by his last Will & Testament.

I have advanced to my daughter Elizabeth S. Bruce & her husband James C. Bruce Ten thousand dollars in her & satisfaction of her & his portion or share of my present Landless estate, which I have advanced from them & I have delivered as an advancement to James C. Bruce & Elizabeth S. Bruce forty negroes on 1st Jan'y 1834 with their increase from that date as well more fully appear by a list of the negroes from under my hand & seal.

I give & bequeath to my son Edm^d Wilkins & John S. Wilkins all the stock of horses cattle & sheep on the Land I have given them & the House hold Furniture I have given them.

I give & bequeath to my sons W. W. Wilkins all the stock of Horses & sheep & cattle