

Thomas Harden

In the name of God I Thomas Harden of the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina being of perfect sound mind and memory do on this twenty fifth day of May in the year of our Lord 1859 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner & form following

First I give to my two Sons Henry Harden & Peter Harden and also to my Daughter Peggy Harden and to my beloved wife her heirs of their choice out of my stock of Slaves to be equally divided between them and at the death of my said wife Eleanor Harden that her part be equally divided between Henry Harden Peter Harden and Peggy Harden

Secondly I give to my Daughter Peggy Harden during her life one hundred and fifty acres of land of Guyton tract and after her death to return to my son Peter Harden I also give to my said Daughter Peggy her Bed and furniture one horse saddle & bridle for use

Thirdly I give to Son Peter Harden the Plantation whereon I now live with fifty acres of Guyton tract one Bed and furniture and also two horses a waggon & harness

Fourthly I leave to my said wife Eleanor Harden during her life all my household and kitchen furniture with my stock of every kind and at her death to be equally divided between my two sons Henry Harden and Peter Harden and my Daughter Peggy Harden

Fifthly I give the remainder of my negroes to be equally divided amongst my other children viz Ann Mad lawful begotten children to Princy Harden John Harden and Jeremiah Harden lawful begotten children to Thomas Harden Sarah Rogers and William Hombuckle to be

equally divided between them it is to be observed that the children of Ann Mad John Harden & Jeremiah Harden is to have each only a share equal to a male legatee

Sixthly I do constitute and appoint my two sons Henry Harden and Peter Harden Executors of this my last will and testament signed sealed published, and delivered, by me Thomas Harden the Testator at my last will and Testament in the presence of us who were by whom it was perfected

John Reid

John Windsor

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Thomas Harden *Testator*

Moses Short

In the name of God amen I Moses Short of the County of Rockingham being weak in Body but of sound memory bless'd be God do this 17th day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and nine do make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner following that is to say I give to my grand sons Moses & Jacob Short the land on which I now live lying on the waters of Troublesome to be equally divided divided between them after the crop is secured to hold to them during their life and after their decease I also give to my grand Son Moses & Jacob my wearing clothes equally to be divided between them I also give to my daughter Mary Short wife of Moses Short one negro man named Sep to serve ten years as a slave and after that to be set free, I also give to my Daughter Mary Whittier wife of Jacob Whittier a negro woman named Lolly to serve ten years as a slave with her child Nelly after

that to be free the child to be at their disposal to be
 it free or keep it as a slave & also give to Lydia ^{Son}
 Sarah Son or Margret Short, Nancy Webster, the
 movable property equally to be divided among them
 after the lawful debts is paid. I also allow the negro
 to stay on the place till the crop is secured and
 I make and ordain James Blair & William
 Blair Executors of this my last will in trust for the
 heirs a purpose in this my will contained. and
 I make James Blair & William Blair owners of
 this my last will to take care and see the same per-
 formed according to my true intent and meaning
 In witness whereof I Henry Short have to this my last
 will and Testament set my hand and Seal this 17
 day of September Eighteen hundred and nine
 signed sealed and delivered by the said Henry Short
 in and for his last will and testament in the presence
 of us who were present at the signing and sealing
 thereof

George Brown
 Wm Pratt
 James Knight

Henry Short Seal

John Herron

In the name of God Amen
 I John Herron of Rockingham County State of
 North Carolina being sick & weak in Body but of
 sound mind & memory bequeath to God as make, or
 make constitute & appoint this my last will &
 Testament in manner & form as follows (Vizt)
 I will that my four negroes Ned, Jack, Veto & Nancy
 be hired out yearly until my children arrives
 of full age & further if my wife is not able with
 her force to till all the clear land I wish her
 to rent the remainder out & if she should think to
 buy stock over large for her to sell such as she

may deem proper and all money which may
 arise from the hire of my negroes or sale of any
 of my personal property to be put in money & as
 my six children arrives of full age to be equally
 divided among them that is to say David, Ann,
 Spabella, James, & John & Henry & further I will
 that my land be divided equally among my six
 children first before mentioned & further all my
 negroes divided among my children as above
 I will that my wife Jean Herron & William
 Wrythe Execute this my last will in manner &
 form as above mentioned In Testimony thereof
 I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 3 of July 1807

Robert Barr
 Francis Hodges

John Herron Seal

Gordon Smith

In the name of God Amen I Gordon Smith of
 Rockingham County State of North Carolina being
 deeply impressed with the certainty of death and
 desiring to settle all my temporal affairs while
 the Lord in his great mercy blesses me with strength
 of mind do make, and ordain this instrument of
 writing my last will and testament making
 all and every other one heretofore made
 void & of no effect to my beloved wife Molly Smith
 during her natural life all the land that I may
 be possessed of to be used by her for her support
 but not to commit unnecessary waste in timber
 or clearing

And I leave to my said wife during her natural
 life all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs,
 all my house hold & kitchen furniture and all
 my plantation utensils except such things as are