

John Harvey's Will
29 DEC 1822

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Alabama
Henry County

In the name of God amen: I, John Harvey of the state and county aforesaid being weak in body, but of perfect disposing mind and memory and bringing it to mind that it is appointed for man to die after that the judgment at which all will have to appear to render a just account to the judge of quick and dead for which consideration and other good causes, I would wish to dispose of all the goods and chattels? on which it hath pleased God to bless me in this life in the following manner ?.

First I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of the living God who first gave? me and body to the ground from which its originated not doubting soul? and? body will at the final judgment day. I also give bequeath to my beloved wife Patty Harvey her support out of the labors of two negroes which I lend to my son Peter Harvey for that purpose and other good causes namely G??ey and Henry. I also give and bequeath to my son Peter Harvey one dollar together with the labor and service of the above named negroes over and above the support of said Patty Harvey until his youngest child is twenty-one years of age and then for the said negroes with all their increase to be equally divide between all his surviving children.

I do give and bequeath to my beloved grand children, Martha Higgs, Judah Higgs, Augustus B. Higgs and Thomas ?. Higgs a certain negroe girl named Winny now in the possession of Peter Harvey together with four-hundred and fifty dollars which is to be paid by me executor out of the remaining estate.

I also give and bequeath to my beloved son Benjamin Harvey, three negroes namely, Jimmy, Henry and Issabel, also all my household and kitchen furniture together with my stock of cattle and hogs, except the above said monies to paid out of said property or by said Benj. Harvey. Thus being

blessed with time and opportunity to designate the manner of dividing and distributing my worldly goods and chattels, I further nominate, constitute, ordain and appoint my ? son Benjamin Harvey and Elijah Bryan my lawful executors to carry this my last? will and testaments into effect according to its time intents and meaning.

Sealed with my seal and subscribed with my hand freely without force or ?? this 29th December in the year of Our Lord eighteen-hundred and twenty two. In the presents of

Eliza Harvey

A. D. Martin

Richard G. Grantham

John Harvey - *seal*

State of Alabama

Henry County to wit

Personly appeared before me David Caldwell Judge of the county court of said county Aaron D. Martin and Richard G. Grantham who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that they the within named John Harvey whose named is subscribed to the within will, sign, seal, acknowledge the same for the purposes therein mentioned and that they the deponents subscribed their names as witnesses to the same in the presence of the said John Harvey and in presence of each other and that they saw Eliza Harvey sign the same in the presence of the said John Harvey. Given under my hand and seal the third day of July 1823.

David Caldwell Judge - *seal*