

John Stephenson's Will.

gratia and sad, in as equitable a manner as possible, and
and after the same may have been drawn for by test, or
otherwise divided between the aforesaid devisees, to have one
to each devisee the notes so allotted and set apart to him-
self, and the said devisee may proceed to collect the same
themselves; the notes being transferred to them by my said
executor without any recourse upon myself.

8th It is my will and desire, that my grand son William
Stephenson, receive from the proceeds of my estate a good liberal
education under the direction of my executor, and if upon
a fair experiment, when he shall have attained of sufficient
age, he should be deemed qualified from his habits of applica-
tion, moral and mental qualities, to receive a liberal edu-
cation, I further direct that the same shall be given to him
at Washington College, my executor is to be the judge of his
fitness to receive a liberal education, or in case of his death
Professors of Washington College are to determine his fitness to
receive the education aforesaid. And I hereby direct that
sufficient fund be retained out of my estate to pay the board
for the purpose, say the sum of four hundred dollars, to be
reimburse sufficient to pay the board and tuition fee for five
years at the college. In this bequest I do not design that he
is to be clothed.

9th In making the division of my estate among my children
and wife, I desire that in estimating the portion bequest to
my son Oliver, the sum of twelve hundred dollars shall be
deducted from the value of my interest in the Washington
Iron Manufacturing Company, in consideration of his having
devoted several years to the management of my affairs, which
will have the effect to increase his portion of my estate twelve hun-
dred dollars above that of any other devise.

10th Whereas I have some years since promised my slaves that
if they would conduct themselves properly, and acquire suitable
characters, that I would send them to Liberia; but their habits
and general deportment have been such, that I do not at present
deem them suitable members of any well regulated society, or entitle
them to the fulfilment of my promise to them, I therefore now direct
that my executor shall hire out all my slaves for the period of
one year, immediately after my decease, and if at the end of
that time, all or any one of them, shall by their general character
and deportment, industrious and other habits, be esteemed
worthy members of the social compact, and the enjoyment
of the same, I then and in that case direct that he shall

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any of the description above named, be sent either to Liberia
or if they prefer it and it can be done, to Ohio or some other
of the free States; and in the event of the said slaves being
entitled to this privilege here granted or any one of them,
I direct that the proceeds of their one year's hiring be ap-
plied to defray the expenses of their transportation, either
to Liberia or to any other place that they may be sent.

11th I hereby constitute and appoint Maria Stephenson,
my son, the executor of this my last will and testament
and also direct that he shall not be required to give any
security for the performance of the duties hereby imposed
upon him. I also fully authorize my executor
to execute any deeds of conveyance for any lands that I have sold
and not executed deeds, and likewise he is hereby fully authorized to
execute all mortgages and conveyances for any lands or real estate of mine
which he is empowered to sell under this will in as full and ample
a manner as I can confer upon an executor by the laws of the land.
I hereby revoke all former wills and testaments, and in testimony where-
of I have hereunto set my hand this twenty ninth day of December
in the year of our Lord 1841.

John Stephenson God

Witness my hand and seal as the last will and
testament of John Stephenson in presence of
us who witnessed the same at his request
in his presence and in the presence of each
other

That

Joseph Duncan Sr

Charles Brakins

The foregoing will was proven in court by
said witnesses and recorded.

Richard Harris's Will.

In the name of God Amen

I Richard Harris of Washington County
in the State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and
testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me
at any time made.

I do direct that my personal expenses and all my just
debts be paid out of the same and the residue of the same

Richard Carr's Will.

that I may die peaceable or may first come into the hands of my executors.

Secondly— I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Carr all my estate both real and personal together with all monies that may be in hand and that may be coming to me by note or otherwise at the time of my death, received, ~~received~~ and peaceable and used by her as she may choose during her natural life or widowhood. It is also my will that at her death or marriage that all my personal property be sold in twelve months credit by my executors hereafter named with the exception of my two negroes Elijah and Hannah which I will dispose of otherwise. It is also my will that the plantation on which I now live at the death or marriage of my wife be sold by my executors in one and two years credit, so as to collect one half of the money in one year and the other in two years from the time of sale. It is also my will that my two negroes Elijah and Hannah at the death or marriage of my wife be valued equal to cash in hand by two or three disinterested men who may be judges of such property at the time and that their valuation be added to the amount of sale money and the aggregate amount be equally divided among all my children share and share alike that is to say Susan Elizabeth Africa James Le Moy Thomas and Richard G. It is also my will that my son Africa Carr shall take my negro man Elijah at his valuation and if said negro should amount to more in value than his equal share of the property be sold and valued that he must pay back to the rest of my children so as to make them all equal, and if his valuation should be less than his equal share then he must be made equal to the rest of my children. It is also my will that my son Richard G. Carr take my negro girl Hannah on the same terms and in the same manner that Africa is to take my negro man Elijah, with the exception that if she should have any children before the death or marriage of my wife then my will is that they go among my children or any of them that will give the most for them letting the price for them go out of their part of the money so as to let them all equal.

Lastly I do hereby appoint Africa Carr and James Le Moy my two sons executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have therunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of October 1853.

Richard Carr (Seal)

Signed and acknowledged in presence of Abraham Daylen & The jumping well was proven in open court then before the court and recorded.

John C. Harris' Will.

In the name of God Amen

John C. Harris of the County of Washington and State of Virginia being of sound mind and usual memory through affliction, for the disposition of the portion of goods with which my Heavenly Father hath blessed me and bequeathed I have procured to my children hereafter, to have made and some I suppose it right to make and constitute the following instrument of writing my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First— I recommend my soul to the mercy of God through the all sufficient and meritorious death and suffering of the ever blessed Jesus Christ by whose constant mediation and intercession, and through an unshaken faith therein I have received life and acceptance.

Secondly— I submit my body to the dust its natural element to rest in silence until the morning of the resurrection when I know I shall be quickened and fashioned according to the image of Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Thirdly— For the support and maintenance of my dear wife Sarah Harris and one dependent daughter Sarah C. Harris I will and bequeath unto them during the natural life of my wife all the real estate on the river, over wagon, two horse teams, drag and shuck, the growing and all the farming tools, six milk cows, all the hogs subject to the exceptions hereafter made.

Fourthly— I have given to my eldest son George A. Harris in cash and property hereafter the sum of two hundred and twenty three dollars and fifty cents with which he stands charged on my book, this book debt I will and bequeath unto him and in addition thereto one hundred and eleven dollars to be paid and paid over to him at the time come in the manner hereafter mentioned; this is his portion in full.

Fifthly— To my son Brampton C. Harris I gave a quarter acre of land in town of Soudersburg on which there was a house and a fifty dollars to William Bryan his account with said Bryan whom I paid him in consequence of two years and six months he rendered me and also that of any of my other sons whom is not to be payable any other way than a debt due and due to him. I gave in property unto him the sum of one hundred and thirty four dollars and eighty eight cents which he is charged unto on my book, this amount I will and bequeath unto him and in addition thereto I have given him the sum of two hundred and twenty three dollars and fifty cents with which he stands charged on my book, this book debt I will and bequeath unto him and in addition thereto one hundred and eleven dollars to be paid and paid over to him at the time come in the manner hereafter mentioned; this is his portion in full.