

HARRIS, Charles

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North Carolina  
Mecklenburg County

In the Name of God Amen. I Charles Harris of the County and  
Province aforesaid being in good Health of Body and Sound of Mind &  
memory Thanks be given to God therefore. Calling to mind the Mor-  
tality of the Body and that it is appointed for all men once to Die do make and Ordain this my Last  
will and Testament that is to say Principally and first of all I give and bequeath my Precious Soul  
unto God who gave it and my mortal Body I recommend to Earth to be buried in a Decent manner  
at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive  
the same reunited to my Soul by the mighty Power of God. — And touching such worldly goods as  
God hath been pleased to bestow upon me in this Life. I give Demise and bequeath the same in the  
following manner and form — first I allow all my Lawfull Debts to be paid — secondly I give  
and bequeath to my eldest Daughter Martha five Shillings Sterling — thirdly I bequeath to said Mar-  
tha's eldest Daughter Jane Harris Twenty five pound Procks to be paid her as soon as she is mar-  
ried and also I bequeath to above Martha's second Son Charles Edward Harris Twenty five pound  
Procks to be paid him as soon as he comes to Age — fourthly I give and bequeath to my eldest Son  
Robert all that Tract of Land lying on the West side of Broad River on both sides of Brown Creek  
in South Carolina and one Hundred and fifty Acres joining said Tract and the Negro Boy Jack with  
one half of my wearing Apparel — fifthly I bequeath to my son Thomas one half of my wearing  
Apparel — sixthly I bequeath to my two Daughters Margaret Alexander and Jane Kepp to each  
of them five Shillings Sterling — seventhly I leave and bequeath to my son James one Hundred &  
Pound Procks to be kept in the hand of my son Samuel and he to pay the Interest of it yearly  
to James or who he shall think proper at his own discretion —

And when he dies I order said Hundred Pounds to be Equally Divided amongst all my  
Children by my first wife — eighthly I bequeath to my sons Samuel and Charles all that Tract  
of Land on which I now live with that Tract in North Carolina the Rock Hills and also one Hundred &  
fifty Acres on the big run west of said Land which were that Land I purchased from John Mitchell lying  
on the Milehey or back Run and that forty Acres I bought of Adam Meeks — ninthly I give and  
bequeath to the use of my son Thomas Lawfully begot all that Tract of Land I bought of Robert  
Bravard lying on Beaverdam Creek containing Six Hundred Acres to be Equally amongst them all  
when the youngest comes to Age according to Law their Mother to have her maintenance off it  
During her life or Widowhood — tenthly I bequeath to my well beloved wife Elizabeth one third of  
all my Personal Estate During her life or Continuance a Widow and if she marries I order her to have  
one good Feather bed and necessary Clothing and her Choice of all the Horses belonging to the Estate  
Samuel's Mare and her Issue Excepted and twenty Pound Procks and the Negro Wench Dinah During her  
life and when she dies the said Dinah and her Issue to go to my two sons Samuel & Charles — Eleventhly  
I give and bequeath to my two sons Samuel & Charles all and Every part of my Estate not before  
mentioned and if either of them dies before they come to Age their part is to go to the Surviving Mother &  
if they both die in their Nonage their parts is to be Equally Divided amongst all my Children — and  
lastly I do hereby Nominate Constitute and Appoint my Dear Wife Elizabeth & my well beloved sons Robert  
Hahn & George Alexander Executors of this my Last will & Testament Ratifying & Confirming this and no  
other to be my Last will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this third  
Day of May in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven Hundred & seventy six  
Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Delivered by the  
above named Charles Harris as his Last will & Testament in Presence of us  
James Gardner  
Adam Meeks

Charles Harris  
Elizabeth Harris  
Mark

Chas. Harris.

Will

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