

Bertie COUNTY NC William Hardy Will

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WILL OF WILLIAM HARDY

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Library, Washington, DC

In the Name of God Amen. I William Hardy of Bertie County  
in the Province of North Carolina Miller, being weak in  
body but of perfect mind & Memory. I thank the Almighty  
God for the same; do make and publish this to be my last  
Will and Testament, in Manner and form following: that is  
to say I Recommend my Soul to Almighty God that gave it  
Believing his most Gracious Acceptance of it, and my Body  
to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian Burial at the  
Discretion of my Executors: And as touching my worldly  
affairs I Order and dispose of them as follows.

First, I will & possitively Order that as soon as may be  
- document appears to be torn at next word - all my Debts  
may be paid

Then as touching such Worldly Estate as it hath Pleased  
God to Bless me with I desire to dispose of in the  
following manner (to wit) all my Personal Estate.

I will that it all should remain together without any  
Division for and during the term of ten years after my  
Decease to raise my Children & school them; But in case  
my wife marries or dies in this time; If she Marries then  
to be Divided, one third part to her, & the other two  
thirds to be equally divided among my Children. But if  
She dies before the time or before married, then all to  
be equally Divided among my Six sons as near as Possible  
according to Value, only contriving it so that my  
youngest son Benjamin should have the place where the  
Houses Stands & houses Reserving the use of the shed room  
of my new house that has a chimney to it to my Daughter  
Elizabeth till she marries. Let it be remembered that  
nothing herein contained shall debarr or hinder my wife  
with the consent of my Executors from lending to any one  
of my Children that shall marry within the term of ten  
years any thing they shall stand in need of not excluding  
what may be thought to be their Divident; And concerning  
my Land; if any of my Sons should die before they come to  
the age of one and twenty years or before they have any  
heirs, then his part of the Land to be divided among my  
Surviving Sons. At the end of ten years if no division  
before than all to be divided except my land the one  
third part to my wife & the rest to be equally divided  
among my children, each one that has had any thing the  
same to be allowed for in??? their Legesey Agreeable to  
my Books. As to my land I desire that my wife should  
live upon it with her family during her natural life or  
Widowhood; and if my mother has a mind at any time in

sickness or health to come and live with my wife and family it is my desire she should

Carried Over

Let it be understood that it is my desire that my Daughters should have a proportionable part of my Estate though they have no land, with to my sons in Consideration of the Land.

Item, & Lastly I do Constitute and appoint my Brother Edward Hardy & my Brother Jesse Hardy my son Lamb Hardy & my son William Parrott Hardy Executors & my wife Sarah Hardy Executuix of this my last Will & Testament verifying and confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 6th day of December Anno Domino 1783.

(signed) Wm Hardy

Signed, sealed, declared to pro - smudged - in the presence of us

Thomas Johnson  
Abraham (x) Lee  
Stephen Lee

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ESTATE OF WILLIAM HARDY

From the original sent to my by Jeanne Hardy Tipton

William Hardy decd Papers for the Division of his Estate among his children 1793 Recorded in Book F page 545

An Inventory of the estate of Wm. Hardy Recorded in Book D page 330

There is an extensive list of items in this estate and I have not made a full list but it included such items as 9 Negroes farm equipment - saws, fire tongs, shovels, hoes, flows farm produce - corn, potatoes, salt, flour, flax, cotton 5 horses 34 cattle 15 sheep 14 sows, 65 pigs and 47 other hogs 22 chickens, 25 turkeys and 47 other fowls 4 stocks of bees books furniture - tables, table cloths, chests, 4 beds, 2 pillows, 12 chairs, pots, pans, candles, candle snuffers, candlesticks, glasses, plates, knives, folks one file, one surveyor chair money scales 5 spinning wheels 5 pair of cards carpenter tools 1 cart 67 weight of pewter 2 saddles, 2 bridles 2 grindstones tailor shears looking glasses mill picks writing paper 40 barrels of turpentine one bag, two wallets, two towels

and so forth

inventory taken by Wm. P. Hardy, Jesse Hardy, Edward Hardy - no date

there are additional sheets for the estate with the valuation and mostly a repeat but some articles not above a Bible, Prayer Book, yoke of oxen, three volumes Mares arithmetic, Harvey's Meditations, bull, walnut chairs, guns

Negroes as follows - Tom, Dave, Brutus, Andrew, Harry, Daniel, Frank, Simon, Peter, Matt, Abram, woman Bell, woman Penn, girl Rose, girl Easter, girl, Polly

Sum of Valuation of the Inventory - 1124.8 pounds

Lamb Hardy's on the books of the dec - I am not sure about the valuation on these so not going to try and guess at it Elizabeth on the books of the dec William Parrott on the books of the dec Charles on the books of the dec Edward's on the books of the dec Total 1199 pounds 9 shilling 8 pence ??

Mrs Hardy's 1/3 share 399 pounds 15 shillings ?/ pence

Martha's acct of her father's Sarah's acc of her father's Land valued at 200 pound

There is a full page of what the widow received as her 1/3 part The negroes she received were Dave, Ben Rofe

Moses William's received her share including negroes Tom and Polly

Lamb received Negro Daniel

Another list

Martha Hunter received Wink Bett and assume other items and her part of the estate was worth 110 pounds 08 shillings 12 pence

Lamb Hardy received his 1/6 part of the land, negro boy Daniel, and other sundrys worth 118.08.12

Elizabeth Williams received 2 negroes Poll & Tom and other sundrys worth 118.08.17

Sarah Sutton received Matt & Simon and other sundrys worth 118.8. 11/5

William P. hardy received 1/6 of the land, negro Brutus, other sundrys \$138.7.8

Charles Hardy received 1/6 part of the land, negroe Andrew, and other sundry 148.6.8

Edward Hardy received 1/6 land, negro Harry, other sundries 119.19

John Hardy received 1.6 part of land, 1 bed and furniture, 2 negroes Easter and Peter 118.8.12

Benjamin Hardy received 1 bed and furniture, 1/6 part of land, 2 negroes Frank and Abram 118.8.12

Mrs. Sarah Hardy's 1/3 part was worth 400.13.6

\*\*\* Lamb Hardy's Land Bounded as follows - being the old plantation lot - Beginning at the mouth of a branch at the run of the middle swamp, Moses William's Corner, thence along his line to a pine his and Charles Hardy's Corner, thence a line of marked trees to a pine in a branch, Wm Hardy's Corner, thence a long of marked trees t old plantation thence a straight course through the Plantation to an oak saplin about twenty yards below the mill dam, thence a straight course to the run of the swamp at the mill dam, thence down the run of the swamp to the first station.

Wm. P. Hardy's Land - Bounded as follows. Being the Mill Lot - Beginning at the Mill dam & run of the swamp, Lamb Hardy's corner thence along his line to a pine his and Wm. P. Hardy's corner in a branch, thence down to a branch to the run of the Beaver Dam branch, thence down the various courses of the run of sd Beaverdam branch to an Island in the swamp, thence the swamp side of sd Island to the great Beaverdam, thence along the Beaverdam to the run of the swamp, thence down the run of the swamp to the first station. Unto which Lot of Land belongs the mill & one acre of land at the other end of the mill dam

Charles Hardy's Land, Bounded as follows: viz - Beginning at a pine in a branch, Lamb Hardy's & Wm. P. Hardy's corner, thence along Lamb Hardy's line to a pine, Moses William's Corner, thence along Williams & Coffields lines to a pine in Capehart's line, thence Capehart's line to a pine, Edward Hardy's corner, thence along his line to Benjamin Hardy's corner, thence down a branch carried up Benjamin's line brought up to another branch, Wm. P. Hardy's, thence up sd branch to the first Station

Edward Hardy's Land Bounded as follows viz - Beginning at a pine in Capehart's line, Charles Hardy's corner, thence along Capehart's line, to a white oak, Jonathan Jacock's corner, thence his line to a pine, Stephen Smith's corner, thence along his line to a slash that makes out of the rooty branch, Benjamin Hardy's line thence down sd slash to a branch, Charles Hardy's line thence his line to the first station.

John Hardy's Land Bounded as follows. Viz - Beginning at the great Beaverdam and turn of the swamp, Wm. P. Hardy's corner, thence his line to the Beaverday branch, thence up the run of sd branch to a red oak, thence a line of marked trees to a little branch thence up sd little branch to the head, thence a line of marked trees a post oak in Stephen Smith's line, thence his line to the run of the Middle Swamp thence down the run of sd swamp to the first station.

Benjamin Hardy's Land Bounded as follows Viz: --  
Beginning at a post oak in Stephen Smith's line, John  
Hardy's corner, thence along Smith's line to Edward  
Hardy's corner, in a slash, thence down ??? Edward  
Hardy's line to a branch, Charles Hardy's line, thence  
down sd branch to another branch, Wm. P. Hardy's line,  
thence down sd branch to John Hardy's line, thence his  
line to the first station

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