

## Rachel Harbison's Will

I, Rachel Harbison of Mercer Co., KY, being in a perfect state of mind and memory but feeling the unavailable disolution of my mortal body approaching, do make, ordain and constitute this to be my last will and testament. First I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my friends, and as to my worldly possessions I give and dispose of them in the following manner. I will that all my land in the neighborhood in which I live be sold, that is the whole together and money arising from the sale to be divided amongst my sons, John, James, Arthur, and my daughter Nelly, Rachel, Betsy, Peggy, Jane, Leah and Esther equally, and in the following manner, that Nellie is to get out of her part a horse and saddle worth ten pounds to her daughter Rachel Decker. That my executors purchase for my daughters, Rachel and Esther, a negro girl each, of such value an my executors may deem proper, and my daughters portions of the sale of my lands will admit of and the said negroes are not to be taken out of the possession of the said Rachel and Esther, to be theirs forever, and direct that the same provision as to be at her disposition forever. I also give and bequeath to my son James, money arising out of the sale of my personal estate, sufficient to purchase a family bible such as I have given to the other children. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Ann's two children, Thomas and Rachel, or to the survivor, should either die without issue an equal portion with my children or the eleventh part of the money arising from the estate. To be paid at full age with interest there in from the time the sale became due. I give to my daughter Ann five dollars from the sale of the personal estate. I give and bequeath to my son Andrew Harbison, that tract of land where on he lives, for his and his heirs forever. I also lend to him my mulatto boy, Peter, until he shall arrive to the age of thirty years and then to return to my executors and enjoy his freedom forever after. I also lend unto my daughter, Nelly Tolly my negro girl Patsy, until she arrives at the age of 35 years to serve Nelly and her children, and not to be sold or to be moved from their possession during that time, she being now 10 years old, and then to have her freedom. I also will that my negro boy Friday be emancipated and enjoy his freedom at the age of 35 years, and until then he be under the control of my executors, he being now about 15 years old. I give to my daughter Esther, my bedding and furniture. I will that the balance of my estate be sold and all my just debts be paid and the balance be divided amongst my children and grandchildren, To the heirs of my son Thomas Harbison I give and bequeath 5 pounds to be equally divided among them all. The residue equally divided amongst my daughters Nelly, Rachel, Peggy, Betsy, Esther, unless Andrew Harbison land be lost, in which case he is to be renumerated out of my Personal estate of so much there be. I also reserve the graveyard on my land with timber to support it, and a passage hereto for the neighborhood forever. I nominate and appoint, Richard Hope, Edward Briscoe, and Archibald Bilbo as executors of my estate and last will.

15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1811  
Rachell Harbison

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Archibald Bilbo Polly Bilbo