In the name of God, Amen! I, James Harris of the County of Southampton in the State of Virginia, do establish the following as my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills of me heretofore made, viz:

In the first place, I direct that all my just debts be paid and if the funds arising from my personal estate be not sufficient for that purpose, I direct my Executor to dispose of such part of my estate for that purpose as he may think most judicious.

In the second place, I lend my whole estate real and personal as it now stands to my wife to be kept together for the support of herself and my children and for the education of my children, until my eldest son attains lawful age; at which time I direct that it be so divided as to assign to my wife one third part of my land and slaves to be held by her for life and one third part of my other estate to be held by her in fee; and the balance of my estate to be so divided as to assign an equal third part thereof to my said son and the balance to remain together for my two youngest children until it shall be necessary a proper share attains lawful age, in that event, I give her in the same manner I have given her above one third part of my estate and direct that the balance thereof shall be kept together as above directed for the benefit of my children. Should there be any profits arising from my real estate whilst the whole of it is kept together, I direct that my wife shall have interest thereof and the balance shall be divided equally amongst my children. Should the profits of my estate prove insufficient for the support of my wife and children and the education of my children, I empower my Executor to sell such portion of my property for those purposes as he may think best. The Dower negroes in the possession of Mrs. E. R. Ryland belonging to my wife and whatever may becoming to me in right of my wife from the estate of E. R. Ryland and Wm. E. Ryland, I consider as my estate and herein dispose of as such. If either of my children should die without leaving a child, I give that portion of my estate belonging to the one so dying to the survivors.

In the third place, If my Executor should deem it prudent or proper I hereby authorize him to purchase land for my estate. If all of my children should die without leaving a child at their death, then I give to my wife the whole of my estate not heretofore given her in fee to be held by her during her life; and at her death then I give one half thereof to each child or children as she may leave; if she leaves none then to her brothers: and the other half I give to the children of my brothers Lewis Harris & Howell Harris and Mary J. Westbrook; the children of each of my brothers and Mary J. Westbrook taking an equal third part thereof; but Mary J. Westbrook's part shall be held by her for life only and at her death the same shall go to her children.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint Albert G. Ryland Executor to this my last will and testament and until he attains lawful age I appoint Joseph Turner, Executor to the same.

In testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand and seal, this 11th day of September 1855.

Jas. Harris (Seal)

Acknowledged in our presence, both of us being present at the same time and in the presence of the testator.

E. W. Langley
Edw. J. Turner
R. H. Cland

At a Court held for the County of Southampton, the 17th day of November 1855.

The last will and testament of James Harris dec'd was this day proved by the oaths of Edwin J. Turner and R. H. Cland, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and thereupon admitted to be recorded. And with motion of Joseph Turner one of the Executors therein named who made oath and gave bond and security according to Law. Certificate is granted him