

The State of Mississippi

Examined

Probate Court  
November Term 1844

Marshall County

David Hardin Testator

I Will  
John W. Pearson Ex<sup>r</sup>

I David Hardin of the County of Marshall and State of Mississippi, do make and publish this my last will & testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me. I dispose of the same as follows. First I direct that all my just debts be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my Estate real or personal. I also direct that all my stock of Horses, Stage Cattle farming utensils horse mill and Kitchen furniture (excepting such of the Horse Mill and Kitchen furniture as may be selected by my beloved wife for her own use, should she be living at the time of my decease) be sold on a credit of six & twelve months, also all the real estate of which I shall die seized or possessed shall be sold by my Executors for its reasonable value on the like credit and the amounts thereof secured in such manner as is usual in like cases to insure the full and punctual payment thereof. It is also my desire that should my beloved wife be living at the time of my decease she have the liberty of selecting from among my slaves three negroes of her own choice and whom she is to keep during her life and after her decease the negroes to be sold to the highest bidder at public auction for ready money by my Executors and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided among my children since and since to be called and named hereafter named, I also

slaves three negroes of her own choice and I have the is to keep during her life and after her decease the  
negroes to be sold to the highest bidder at public auction for ready money by my Executors and the  
proceeds thereof to be equally divided among my children share and share alike, as I may hereafter name, I also  
direct that my Executors pay to my beloved wife One hundred Dollars out of the proceeds of the sale of property  
heretofore named. I give Elizabeth Hardin, the wife of my son John Hardin, a negro named James an  
negro about Twenty two years, I give to the heirs of Joseph H. Hardin do. a negro man named P. aged about  
Twenty six years. It is my desire that the balance of my slaves with their increase if any (excepting such  
as may be selected by my beloved wife, be equally divided among my children, as near as possible as follows  
to wit - To the heirs of Joseph H. Hardin deceased One seventh part - To Edgabeth H. Barton, the wife of James  
Barton One seventh part, To Hannah Barton, the wife of Samuel Barton, One seventh part - To Eliza Ann Hardin  
the wife of my son John Hardin, One seventh part - To Minerva H. Pherson, the wife of Jehu H. Pherson, One  
seventh part - To Matilda H. Henderson, the wife of J. H. Henderson, One seventh part - To Elizabeth Wills  
the wife of G. W. Wills, One seventh part - I do direct that the net proceeds of all my brotherly  
benefice intended by me to be sold after paying my just debts, be divided among my children as heretofore  
named share and share alike. I do hereby name and ordain John Hardin, Jehu H. Pherson, G. W.  
Wills and George H. Henderson Executors of this my last will and testament. The negroes  
intended to be divided among my children as heretofore named are as follows to wit a negro man named  
Jim, aged about 40 years - Jenni, a negro woman aged about 36 - Henry a boy aged about 19 years.  
Abel a boy aged about 10 years. Mourning a woman aged about 33 years. Martha Ann a girl  
aged about 9 years. Ruf a man aged about 26 years - Jurdan a man aged about 22 years.  
A girl aged about 11 years. Three negroes now in the possession of Jehu H. Pherson to wit Kelly bond  
a girl aged about 7 years, Two twins boys, named Dick + Stephen aged about four years. Two negroes  
now in the possession Samuel Barton to wit, a negro girl named Cassandra aged about 8 years  
and William a negro boy aged 11 years and a negro girl named Ann now in the possession of James

aged about Seventy two years, I give to the heirs of Joseph & Harriet dec<sup>d</sup> a negro man named Pip aged about Seventy six years. It is my desire that the balance of my slaves with their increase if any (excepting such as may be selected by my beloved wife, be equally divided among my children, as near as possible as follows.

To wit - To the heirs of Joseph & Harriet deceased One seventh part - To Elizabeth H. Paulson the wife of James Paulson One seventh part, To Hannah Paulson the wife of Samuel Paulson One seventh part - To Eliza Ann Harder the wife of my dear John Harder One seventh part - To M. Maria McPherson the wife of Jehu H. McPherson One seventh part - To Malinda H. Henderson the wife of J. Henderson One seventh part - To Elizabeth Miller the wife of C. W. Miller One seventh part - I do desire that the net proceeds of all my household furniture and other goods to be sold after paying my just debts, be divided among my children as herebefore named share and share alike.

I do hereby make and declare John Harriet, Jehu H. McPherson, C. W. Miller, and Louisa J. Henderson Executors of this my last will and testament - The negroes intended to be divided among my children as herebefore named are as follows To wit a negro man named Tom aged about 40 years - Tomp a negro woman aged about 36 - Bob a boy aged about 12 years - Albert a boy aged about 10 years - Mourning a woman aged about 33 years - Martha Ann a girl aged about 9 years - Rip a man aged about 36 years - Jersidan a man aged about 22 years - Mary a girl aged about 11 years - Three negroes now in the possession of Jehu H. McPherson to wit - Billy bond a girl aged about 7 years - Two twins boys named Dick + Stephen aged about four years - Two negroes now in the possession Samuel Paulson to wit a negro girl named Sarah Frank aged about 8 years and William a negro boy aged 11 years, and a negro girl named Ann now in the possession of James Paulson aged 6 years. It is also my desire that such of my house hold and kitchen furniture as my beloved wife may select after her decease be sold for ready money by my Executors and the proceeds thereof be equally divided among my children share and share alike as herebefore named - The share of

my estate thus bequeathed to my beloved wife be in favor of her daughter. And I hereby  
express my will and desire should there arise any difference among my children as to the manner  
of dividing my negroes that they choose two disinterested persons who shall select and  
value the negroes, and number the lots, and the children to draw for the same and those of the  
children drawing a lot worth more than another shall pay to those who may be backward in  
valuation. In Witness Whereof I David Hardin the Testator have to this my  
will set my hand and seal this 12th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand

and Eight Hundred and forty three

Signed, sealed and delivered in the  
presence of us who have subscribed in

David Hardin  
the Testator

the presence of each other

- Jo: W. Records
- John B. Martin
- Estroon Holland

I wish it understood that two certain negroes, named Pops and Jurodas, which are named in  
my will to the heirs of Joseph G. Hardin dec<sup>d</sup> & Eliza Ann Hardin (the wife of my son John Hardin  
be considered as their portion of my estate against certain negroes which I have given my daughters  
& I desire that certain obligations which my daughters have incurred to me for said negroes  
be given up to them after my decease. Given under my hand & seal this day of 1843  
E. G. G.

Bond The State of Mississippi.

Marshall County, ss.

Know all men by these presents. That we John H. McPherson

Jacob C. Wynne & Henry L. Martin all of the County of Marshall and State of Mississippi, our selves  
and firmly bound to Bryan M. Yancey Judge of the Probate Court of Marshall County and his successors  
in office, in the sum of Seven thousand Dollars, which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind  
ourselves, our heirs Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by the presents, Witness  
our hands and seals, this 26th day of November One thousand Eight hundred and fifty four

The Condition of the above Obligation is such. That if the said John H. McPherson Executor  
of the last will and testament of David Hardin deceased, do make a true and perfect inventory  
of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the  
hands, possession or knowledge of the said John H. McPherson, or into the hands or possession of any  
other person or persons for him, and the same or made do exhibit to the Probate Court of Marshall  
County at such time as he shall be thereto required by the said Court, and the same goods, chattels  
and credits, do well and truly administer according to law, and make a just and true account  
of his receipts and disbursements when the same are required by said Court, and further do well and truly  
pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in the said Will, as far as the said  
goods, chattels, and credits will extend, according to the Value thereof, and as the law shall  
charge him therein, this obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force.

John H. McPherson    Seal

Jacob C. Wynne    Seal

H. L. Martin    Seal