SOME LAND AND PROBATE RECORDS
ON THE
HARPER FAMILY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Compiled by Flora Lusk Ward, Don Benito Wilson Chapter
Daughters of the American Colonists
THIS INDEBTURE, made the 4th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Twenty three Between Jacob Harper and Phoebe his wife of the County of Pendleton and state of Virginia of one part and Philip Harper of the County aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Jacob Harper and Phoebe, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of eleven dollars and fifty cents Lawful money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Philip Harper the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted and bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said Philip Harper his heirs and assigns forever three certain tracts or parcels of land in Pendleton County lying on the North Fork the first contains fifteen acres adjoining his former on the S.E. side of his house and bounded as follows beginning at a cucumber tree below his house REMEMBERED on the old original line and with the same S 29 W 50 to two elms Jacob M.N. Harper's Corner S100 W 20 to a hickory and white oak sapling corner of a 22 acre tract and with said line S 330 E 40 to a pine and black oak corner of the same by a rock S 840 W 26 to a chestnut oak on a ridge N 170 W 110 poles to the beginning the second tract contains two acres lying Between and adjoining his home place ad the river at the Division line between him and Jacob Harper and Bounded as follows

Beginning at a sugar and sycamore on the river Bank division corner between him and Jacob thence S 45° E 16 with the Division fence to the old original line and with said line N 29 E 40 to the river at the old corner S 53 W 40 up the river to the Beginning the third tract contains 6 acres lying on the east side of his land place and Bounded as follows Beginning at two lymeys and sugar corner of Jacob Harper's 23 acre tract and with said line N 550 W 23 to a locust on the old original line and S 24 W 6 to his own line of a twenty acre tract and with said lines S 32 E 20 to a sugar tree old corner thence S 440 W 50 to a black oak and dogwood S 36 E 18 to a large white oak and sugar mouses corner & thence N 30 E 70 along a hill side to the Beginning & the Tree tracts are out of a Larger tract of 22750 acre grant to Joseph and Benjamin Chambers conveyed by their heirs to Simon Wilmer as will appear by Pendleton record and by Isaac Connell Trustee for said Wilmer to Jacob Harper by Deed together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining. To have and to hold the said Tracts of land with its appurtenances unto the said Philip Harper his heirs and assigns forever for the only propruse and behoof of him the said Philip Harper, his heirs and assigns forever and the said Jacob Harper and Phoebe his wife for themselves their heirs, executors and administrators doth covenant with the said Philip Harper his heirs and assigns, that they the said Jacob Harper and Phoebe his wife, their heirs, executors and administrators, the said Tracts of land with its appurtenances unto the said Philip Harper his heirs and assigns against the claim or claims of them the said Jacob Harper and Philip his wife their heirs of all and every person or persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents In witness whereof the said Jacob Harper and Phoebe his wife hath hereunto set their hands seals on the day and year first above written.

Recorded in Deed Book No. 9, page 14, Pendleton Co., Va.

Jacob X Harper (Seal)  
mark
his

Phoebe X Harper (Seal)  
mark
IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN—

I PHILIP HARPER Senr., of Pendleton County State of Virginia weak in Body but of a sound mind & memory Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and the vanity of all flesh do make and acknowledge this as my Last Will and Testament, namely that which is my wish and Desire should in and after my death be ratified and confirmed—

And firstly I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it. And secondly I desire XXX that my body should in a Christian Like manner be committed to the Earth from whence it was taken Assured by believing that in the Latter day the same shall by the Mighty Power of God be raised from the dead and be united to my soul again. And as touching this worldly goods Wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life & that which has Bestowed on me I will and Bequeath in the following manner.

And firstly I will that all my Children should each of them hold and forever Possess that which I gave them in my Life time Secondly I will that my two sons Jacob Harper & Philip Harper do have and hold the two Hundred Acre Tract of Land whereon they are now living as they shall Divide the same between themselves. And Likewise that Jacob Carr have & hold the 70 acre Tract on which he now lives. And Lastly I appoint my son Nicholas Harper to be Executor of this my last will and Testament, Hereby Revoking and Recalling all other Wills and Testaments by me made and done mean while, believing, announcing and Declaring this to be my last will Testament. And in Testimony of the same I have Hereunto Subscribed my name and affixed my seal In the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Three.

Philip Harper (Seal)

Recorded in will Book 1, Page 230, Pendleton Co., Va. (Now West Va.)
Pendleton Co., Virginia (Now West Va.) Marriages Prior to 1815

Daniel Harper and Rosanna Wisco married March 29, 1800
Jonas Harman and Barbara Harper Married December 23, 1806
Peter Harper and Susannah Simmons married October 3, 1811
Joshua Harman and Ann Elizabeth Harper married 1814

Peter Simmons and Rachel Sibert married July 4, 1811
Peter Simmons and Elizabeth Howrah married May 25, 1812
Michael Simmons and Catherine Wooten married September 27, 1812
Michael Lamb and Barbara Simmons Married October 27, 1812
George Hoover and Susannah Simmons married March 21, 1813
George Simmons and Elizabeth Wilson Married July 27, 1813
WILL

I, Philip Harper, Sonr. of the county of Pendleton and State of Virginia, do make this my last will and testament as follows:

First, I will and bequeath all my just Debts and Burial expenses to be paid out of my property.

Secondly, The remainder of my property I will to be divided Equally between my following children and Grand Children that is to say to my Daughter Mary Miller one share to my Daughter Elizabeth Mallow one Share to my Granddaughter Susan Bible one share to my son Saml. Harper's three children each one share.

Thirdly to my son Solomon Harper & my Daughter Sally Morrall & Hannah Manneter, I leave no part in my property as I have fully paid them heretofore and now leave no interest in my Present Property. Lastly I appoint Wa. Anderson to be my Executor of this my last will.

Given under my hand & seal this 28th day of January 1860.

Philip X Harper (seal)

Testa
Aaron Boggs
Benjamin Y. Smith

Recorded 1860 in will book no. 4 Page 392 Pendleton Co., Va. (now West Va.)
In the name of God Amen

I, Adam Harper Senr., of the County of Pendleton and state of Virginia, weak in body but sound in mind, do make and ordain this my last will and testament and first and principally do commit my soul to God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my surviving friends and as touching my worldly estate whereby the Lord hath blessed me I dispose of same in the following manner.

First after my just debts is paid I will and bequeath to my three sons Philip and Jacob and Daniel all my lands that I now hold who also is to pay all charges against my Estate after my decease the land to be divided between according to the lines and marks that I have made also if of said brothers should wish to dispose of his part of said lands or rent it out it is my will and desire that they should give each other in the first refusal. Also I will that the said Philip and Jacob and Daniel shall pay one hundred dollars apiece to be equally divided between my sons Adam and the six girls or their heirs two years after this present date likewise I will and bequeath that the balance of my Estate be equally divided among my son Adam and my six daughters or their heirs.

Lastly I will that Adam House and Jacob Judy my son in law be the executors of this my last will and testament Ratifying this and only to be my last will and testament and renouncing all others. Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty,

his mark

Adam Harper

Signs sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Adam House,
Jonas Harmon
Solomon Harper,
Jacob Miller.

At a Court held for Pendleton County the 2nd day of January 1821. This last will and testament of Adam Harper, deceased was presented in Court and proved by the oaths of Jonas Harmon and Solomon Harper two of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Excd.

State of West Virginia
County of Pendleton, To-witt:

I, W. W. Dolly, Clerk of the County Court of the county and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as it appears and remains of record in this office in Will Book 1st, Page 146

(Signed) W. W. Dolly, Clerk

Furnished by Howard B. Grant, Philippi, W. Va., 1932
Hardy County Clerk's Office
Moorfield, W. Va. (formerly Va.)

No early Harper

C.S. Wise, Clerk
In the name of God, A man, I, Philip Harper senr., of the County of Pendleton, being sick and weak in body, but of sound and disposing memory for which I thank God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and kind desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath the same in manner following, that is to say.

1st. I give and bequeath one Certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Pendleton on the West side of North fork adjoining and between the lands of Samuel Teter and Elias Harper, to Mary Ann, Philip, Simon, Phoebe, Eva M. and Elizabeth Harper, children of Phebe and Elias Harper to be enjoyed by them and their heirs forever & with this promise that she the said Phebe Harper wife of Elias Harper shall have the free use and privilege of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land for and during her natural life or so long as she remains Elias Harper's widow, provided the said Elias Harper should die before his wife Phebe.

2nd I give and bequeath to the aforesaid named Children all my bedding and bedclothing of what kind of nature so ever they may consist of, as well as all my other household and kitchen Furniture, together with all & every species of my Farming utensils, now in my possession or to which I have lawful claim to be enjoyed by them and their heirs, but nevertheless, should the said Phebe Harper, wife of Elias Harper, shall have the free use and privilege of every species; nature or kind of perishable goods and chattels (hereby willed expressly on impliedly understood for & during her natural life, or so long as she remains Elias Harper's widow (if any be left); among the said children, or so many of them as then be living. I purchased all the aforesaid property from Elias Harper for a valuable consideration in the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty & 3rdly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Joshua Harmon Executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other or former wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 16th day of July in the year 1831

Philip X Harper (seal mark)

Signed, sealed, published & declared by Philip Harper senr. as and for his last will and Testament in the presence and hearing of us, at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses.

Solomon Harmon
Isaac Harmon

Recorded in Will Book No. 4, Page 43, Pendleton Co., Va. (Now West Va.)

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
THIS INDENTURE made this third day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety four Between Jacob Harper and Mary his wife of the County of Pendleton & State of Virginia of the one part and James Patterson of the County and State aforesaid of the other part witnesses that for and in consideration of the sum of Six Hundred and Twenty five pounds current money of the state aforesaid to the said Jacob Harper in hand paid by the said James Patterson. They the said Jacob Harper and Mary his wife have granted bargained sold aliened released and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien release and confirm unto the said James Patterson and to his heirs and assigns forever, Three certain Tracts or parcels of land situate and lying in the county aforesaid on the South Branch of Potomac The first containing ninety six acres granted to the said Jacob Harper by Mary Wood James Green and Moses Green and bpinnded as followeth to wit:

Beginning at a sycamore on south side of said River and running thence sixty eight degrees one hundred and thirty eight poles to corner of said Marred line thence with the said line south thirty three degrees west one hundred and forty nine poles thence south sixty five degrees six poles to the river Thence down the several Courses thereof to the beginning.

The second containing forty eight acres lying on the west side of the south Branch joining Charles powers land between the same and Jacob Friends land granted by said Harper by patent dated the 7th day of Feb. 1787, and bounded as followeth to wit:

Beginning at two white oaks near the river and thence up the same north sixty degrees west thirty poles to three white oaks corner of powers patent land, and his survey and with said Survey south thirty five degrees west one hundred and forty poles to a white oak and sugar tree and north seventy two west sixty poles to two white oaks said powers corner Thence south seven west sixty poles crossing two branches to a chestnut oak at the foot of a mountain then north sixty seven east one hundred and twelve poles to the beginning. The third containing forty acres situate on a small branch of the south of Branch of Potomack called buffalo run and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at two white oaks on south side of said run and running those North fifty six degrees west forty poles to two pines on a hill side south forty seven degrees West one hundred and twelve pales to a black and white oak south thirty eight degrees west sixty poles to three white oaks by a branch south forty three degrees East twenty eith poles to two white oaks North forty nine degrees East one hundred and eighty two poles to the begining. Together with all houses buildings orchards Ways waters Watercourses profits commodities Hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold the said Tracts of parcels of land with all the appurtenances unto to said James Patterson his heirs and assigns to the sole use and behoof him the said James Patterson his heirs ans assigns forever, and the said Tracts or parcels of land with their appurtenances unto the said James Patterson his heirs and assigns shall and will warrant and forever defend. In witness whereof the said Jacob Harper and Mary his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered in presence of
Wm Herring, Charles Windling, A Smith

JACOB HARPER (SEAL)

MARY X HARPER (SEAL)
THIS INDENTURE made the third day of February one thousand seven hundred and ninety four between Philip Harper sen. of the County of Pendleton and State of Virginia of the one part & Jacob Carr of the County & State aforesaid of the other part witnesses that for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty four pounds Current money of Virginia to him in hand paid doth Bargain and Sell unto the said Jacob Carr his heirs and assigns a Cettain Tract or parcel of Land Containing Seventy Acres formerly granted to Benjamin Scott by Patent bearing date February the fourteenth day one thousand seven hundred and Sixty one made over to the said Philip Harper by Lease and Release lying and being in the said County of Pendleton on the west slope of the North Fork of the South branch of potomac above the mouth of Seneca and bounded as follows: Beginning at two Hickories and a white Oak on the North West side of the fork and running North Seventy degrees East Eighty four poles to five Sycamores on the and down the same one Hundred and fifty four poles to a Large Sycamore by rock North Seventy degrees West forty poles to two Black oaks by a gulley & South thirty nine degrees West one hundred and ninety poles & South Twenty one degrees East forty poles to the Beginning. Together with all its appurtenances, Unto the said Jacob Carr his heirs and assigns to the only use and behoof of him the said Jacob Carr his heirs and assigns forever and the said Philip Harper for himself and his heirs doth Covenant with the said Jacob Carr his heirs and assigns that he the sd. Philip Harper & his heirs the same land with its appurtenances unto the said Jacob Carr his heirs & assigns against all persons whatsoever will warrant & forever defend. In witness whereof the said Philip Harper doth hereunto subscribe his name and affix his seal the day and year first above written.

Philip Harper (Seal)

Recorded in deed Book no. 1, Page 329, Pendleton Co., Va. (now West Va.)
THIS INDENTURE made the seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and two Between Philip Harper of Pendleton County and State of Virginia of the one part and Jacob Harper of the same place of the other part,

Witnesseth that the said Philip Harper for and in Consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds Current money of the State aforesaid to him well and Truly paid by the said Jacob Harper at or before the sealing and delivering hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Have granted bargain'd and sold Enfeoffed released and confirmed & by these presents do grant bargain & sell alien Enfeoff release and Confirm unto the said Jacob Harper his heirs & assigns forever all that Certain Tract or parcel of Land Containing Forty-five acres be the same more or less lying and being in the said County of Pendleton on the East side of the North Fork of the South Branch of Potomac and bounded as followeth to wit--Beginning at a white oak Corner of John Shull land and turning Thence S 42 E 25 poles with said pine to an ash on a line and thence S 30 E 20 poles with said Line to a large white oak Corner of the lane thence East 20 poles crossing a run with Shull line to a white oak on the same thence South 14 poles crossing said run to a black oak and thence S 61 W 26 poles to two white oaks near a path and thence N 80 W 58 poles to a large white oak and Dogwood by a rode thence N 54 W 90 poles to a white oak and white pines and thence N 39 E 24 poles to a walnut also an elm by a Road and thence S 80 E 21 to two white oaks corner of Hagley's Land & thence N 73 E 40 poles with said line to two white oaks, Corner of Sam and John Shull's Land and thence S 48 S 40 poles with Shull's Line to the Beginning Together. With all and singular the Improvements ways waters water Courses right members and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining & the reversions remainders rents issues and profits & all the Estate right Title Interest Property Claim & demand whatsoever of him the said Philip Harper in Law or Equity or otherwise howsoever of in and to the same and to hold the said Premises hereby Granted with the appurtenances unto the said Said Jacob Harper his heirs and assigns to & for the only proper Use & behoof of the said Jacob Harper his heirs and assigns for ever & the said Philip Harper for himself his heirs and administrators do hereby Covenant and agree to & with the said Jacob Harper his heirs and assigns by these Presents that he the said Philip Harper & his heirs & assigns to & for the only proper Use & behoof of the said Jacob Harper his heirs & assigns against him the said Philip Harper & his heirs & assigns shall do & cause all & every other Person or Persons whatsoever Lawfully Claiming or to Claim by from or under him them or any of them shall and will Warrant and forever defend by these presents.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the day & year first above written.

Philip Harper (Seal)

Recorded in Deed Book No. 3, Page 403, Pendleton Co., Va (now West Va)