

Estate Records: Bernard Markham and Mary Harris Markham

Will of Bernard Markham

Chesterfield county Virginia; written 15 July 1801; recorded 13 September 1802.

In the name of Almighty God, I Bernard Markham of Chesterfield County do constitute this my will as follows. Viz: I desire my family may live together as they now do and be supported as usual until my son George is twenty two years old, the profits ensuing of any to be applyed to the payment of debts and legacies, after that period of a division as devised them, I give unto my beloved wife Mary, in lieu of Dower, five hundred acres of land we now live on to be land on the lower or east side from the . . . out, to include the buildings, all the house and . . . furniture with the plantation utensils, half the stock of any kind whatsoever and the .. with eight slaves . . . as she may desire, this legacy I give during her life, only these . . . excepted, that the eight negroes with their increase I leave in her power to give to either children or grandchildren as she may think them or either of them merits.

Unto my grandson Bernard Bently his heirs or assigns forever I give three hundred acres of land to be taken of . . . tract from . . . adjoining to James Pattesons line, also Sukey with her son James and his future increase and three young negroes two boys and a girl, expecting that his grandmother will support him, this legacy is not to be received . . . until he is twenty six years old, should he die before that time the land I give to my son George in the manner his other lands will be given, the slave to . . . my estate.

Unto my son George his heir and assigns forever I give the remainder of the tract of land I now live on with the revision of and lands given unto his mother as also a right to . . . the lands given unto Bernard Bently after he is entitled to receive his own until Bernard Bently hath to his as . . . six slaves such as he may . . . after his mother is supplied by taking her choice, this legacy he is not entitled to receive until he is twenty two years old, in addition to these I give George half the stock to be . . . at same time he is not to commit any . . . Bentleys lands.

Unto my Daughter Polly Bolling her heirs and assigns I give a negro woman . . . with her future increase and int her possession also the sum of three hundred pounds current money.

Unto my Daughter Judith Markham I give a negro Girl to be named by my wife, also the sum of five hundred pounds to be paid when she arrives of the age of twenty one years.

I desire that my lands in the state of Kentucky with my lots and houses in the Town of Manchester may be sold by my executors hereafter named giving them full power to execute title for the same in as full a manner as I could if living after payment of my debts with the money ensuing form the sales the moneys in the . . . and the profit arising from my estate if any, until a division takes place then I desire the balance of my estate not already mentioned shall be divided into five equal lots -- one lot I give unto my son John, one unto son George, one unto Polly Bolling, one unto Judith Markham and one unto Bernard Bentley, the . . . left my wife as in lieu of her dower.

I also appoint my brother Thomas Harris, my son in law Efford Bently and Linneas Bolling, with my son George, executors and my wife Mary exectrix to this my will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of July in the year of . . . one thousand eight hundred and one.

Bernard Markham "seal"

witness: Smith Blakey, Francis Smith, James A Patteson

[source] Will of Bernard Markham; Probate Records of Chesterfield county Virginia, 1802; Book 5, pages 562 – 564; viewed and copied by Pamela Hutchison Garrett, August 1992; at the Family History Library in Salt Lake, FHL film # 30874.

Inventory of Bernard Markham

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Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Bernard Markham, dec'd

Daniel, Abram, [unreadable], D[unreadable]; 135

Harmstice, Peter, Sam, Frank, [unreadable]; 500

Sims, Tom, Milly, Rachel, Hannah; 300

Prudence, Betty, Sally, Abel, Anna; 300

Anna, Suty, Peggy, [unreadable]; 330

Kitty, Fanny, [unreadable], [unreadable]; 275

Jinny, Kate, Bob, Peter; 135

1 Sorel Horse, 1 black, 1 grey, 1 sorral; 82

Bay, 1 Bay, 1 black, 2 mules; 97

32 head cattle, 8 oxen, calves, corn; 132

16 sheep, 100 hogs, cats(?), Rye Fodder; 136

1 saddle and Harness, Waggon and gear, ox yokes and [unreadable]; 57

Wheat [unreadable], still, worm; 13

old wagon wheel, [unreadable] cradles, wheat; 13

7 wedges, 4 axes, 20 weeding Hows; 6

C(?) foot, plough, collars, shares, spades; 10

[unreadable]; 5

2 desks and bookcases, Keeping table; 35

4 tables, wash stand, [unreadable]; 20

10 winsor chairs, 12 leather chairs, 1 [unreadable] and bed; 8

Cradle bed, 7 beds and steads, [unreadable]; 80

Blankets, 12 counterpanes, Bed quilts; 33
Crib and cradle, quilts, table cloths, towels, pillows, cases; 13
Case and Bottle, looking glass, chest, [unreadable]; 7
Window curtains, candle stands, dishes, plates and delftware; 12
Bowls, cups saucers, teas (?), waters, knife box, knives and forks; 2
[unreadable] tongs, [unreadable], bread basket; 8
plate warmer, cubbard, scales and weight; 4
candlestick, snuffers, carpets, warming pans; 12
[unreadable]; 2
25 silver spoons, tea pots, tea kettle, flat irons; 11
1 lot of glasses, cream pots, cannisters, Castor and [unreadable]; 2
steelyard (?) cotton; 6
pots, skillet, frying pan; 3
[unreadable] Ladle, spoons, stone mortor; 3
pine table, safe, copper kettle; 5
Grid Iron, [unreadable], Parcel of books; 28

Total; 3383

William Edwards, Francis Smith, Obediah Smith; 16 Dec 1802

[source] Inventory and Appraisal; Chesterfield County Virginia Will Book 6, pages 78 – 80; viewed and copied by Pamela Hutchison Garrett, August 1992; at the Family History Library in Salt Lake.

Inventory of Mary Harris Markham's Estate:

On the motion of Norborn B Cooke, administrator of Mary Markham; Henry county Kentucky Court April 1825. Appraisal taken by JN Sharp, Francis Thomas, and John P Foree; reported to the Court July 1825.

negro man Abraham, \$400
negro girl Hannah, \$250
negro girl Juba, \$200
negro girl Jane, \$135
one "fore wheal carage" and harness, \$50.

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