

In the name of God amen I Benjamin Hall of Halifax County Antient Parish and State of Virginia being in perfect mind and memory, but weak in body do make this my last Will and Testament in words and manner following first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave me and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and christian like manner. And as touching such worldly goods as it has pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath in the following manner. First of all it is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid. Item I lend to my beloved wife Wilmartha Hall the following property, to wit, The land and plantation wherein I now live as also Harry, James, Jude and her child now at her breast one black horse called Martin, one cart and oxen two cows and calves one sow and pigs & four of my best red hogs six ewes one good feather bed and furniture, six chairs one desk and Table and chest and all my kitchen furniture use of which it is my will and desire she should peaceably enjoy during her natural life. Item I give and bequeath to my son William Hall all that part of my Estate that I have now possessed him with to him and his heirs forever he not to enjoy any part of my Estate further. Item I give and bequeath to my son John Robinson Hall all that part of my Estate that I have now possessed him with to him and his heirs forever he not to enjoy any part of my Estate further. Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Hall all that part of my Estate that I have now possessed him with also the whole of my land wherein I now live after the death of his mother and marriage of my two daughters that are now single he to live on and enjoy the same privileges as he now does also one negro boy called Topsy to him and his heirs forever he not to enjoy any part further. Item I give and bequeath to my three daughters, to wit, Catty Miller, Sally Hall and Chloe Gibby Hall all that part of my Estate not herein before mentioned, both real and personal after the payment of my debts before mentioned to them and their heirs lawfully begotten of their bodies, the above mentioned Catty Miller to accomplish of all that part of my Estate which she hath hitherto had in possession when a division is made also it is my will and

Estate further. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Hall all that part of my Estate that I have now possessed him with also the whole of my land whereon I now live after the death of his mother and marriage of my two daughters that are now single he to live on and enjoy the same privileges as he now does also one negro boy called Tee to him and his heirs forever he not to enjoy any part further. I give and bequeath to my three daughters, to wit, Catty Miller, Sally Hall and Chloe Ioby Hall all that part of my Estate not herein before mentioned, both real and personal after the payment of my debts before mentioned to them and their heirs lawfully begotten of their bodies, the above mentioned Catty Miller to accomplish of all that part of my Estate which she hath heretofore had in possession when a division is made also it is my will and desire that all that part of my Estate which I have lent to wife and not herein otherwise given should after her death be divided as above mentioned. And in case either of my daughters should die without heir or heirs as above mentioned the surviving ones to enjoy their equal part. Having disposed of all my Estate I do constitute and appoint my son William Hall, my whole Executor to act at discretion with this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills or wills heretofore by me made.

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In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this first day of January one thousand eight hundred and three.

Signed sealed delivered
pronounced & declared
delivered in presence of

Benjamin Hall L.S.

John Gates, Benⁿ Anderson, Daniel Roberts, William G. Yates

At a Court held for Halifax County the 28th day of February 1803

The within written Last will and Testament of Benjamin Hall deceased was exhibited in Court and proved by the oaths of three of the witnesses thereto subscribed, and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of William Hall the Executor therein named, who made oath according to law: Certificate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due form. He giving security: Whereupon he together with John Hill, John Yates and John Bruce of his securities, interdicted, and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of fifty thousand dollars. Condition as the law directs.

Truly Recorded Test, Samuel C. Wilcox, D.C. 16

Test John W. Smith, Ck. 16