

Paul Yates
Will
In the name of God Amen I Paul Yates being sound in mind
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This my last will and testament.
1st. First it is my will that as soon after my death as practically all the
personal property of which I am possessed shall be sold from the proceeds
of which my funeral expenses and just debts shall be paid and the
residue shall be equally divided between the children of my son William
Yates as they respectively become twenty one years old, the money to
be kept by my Executor till that time.
Second I give to my daughter Mary G. Brown one hundred acres of
land to be laid off from my farm by beginning at a point on the
F. S. Road and running in such way as to take in a sufficiency of
timber for the use of said farm. The said Mary G. Brown will be
required to give up the bond she holds against William Y. Yates, and
intend she shall be indemnified for the same in the above named
land. It is also my will that she shall have as much fruit from
the orchard on the other part of the farm, as she may need for family
use for ten years I also give to her my boy William.
Third I give to my daughter Elizabeth M. Harris my woman Talisha
and her child Harriet I also give to her eight hundred dollars in full
as hereinafter named.
Fourth I give to my son Paul W. Yates my man Daniel. I also give to
him an obligation or bond I hold against him for eight hundred dollars
Fifth I give to my son Charles L. Yates the balance of my farm
supposed to be two hundred acres, and bind him to pay to Eliza
bith M. Harris eight hundred dollars, and to each of the four chil-
dren of William Y. Yates one hundred dollars, to be paid to them when
they become twenty one years old. I also give to him my girl Lavinia

son of William S. Gates. On his death, to be paid to them when they become twenty one years old. I also give to him my girl Lavinia. I also give to him my man Bennett and my woman Hecah. If any of the abovesaid servants should die or otherwise be lost before my death it is my will that the loss shall be equally shared by the four children above named.

I wish it is my will that any and all money of which I am possessed shall be equally divided between Mary G. Brown, Elizabeth M. Hays, Paul W. Gates, and the children of William S. Gates to be paid to them said children when they come at the age of twenty one. It is my will and desire that as soon after my decease as possible, my children shall take possession of the property herein bequeathed to them. I appoint my sons Paul W. Gates and Charles S. Gates my executors and they are authorized to act as such without giving any security and it is my will that that they shall not receive any compensation for their services. I do hereby revoke all former wills or wills by me at any time made, and declare this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I the testator at this my last will and testament have set my hand and seal this 10th day of January 1863

Paul signed and acknowledged
as my last will and testament

Paul Gates (seal)

in the presence of

Wm. S. Gates
Elizabeth M. Hays
Charles M. Hays