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of Ephraim Hale of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence to make and Publish This my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, wish that my Executors hereinafter named shall provide a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my Relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever due to whomsoever owing and of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item 1st I give and devise to my beloved wife Ruanna all of my tract of land where I now live to have and to hold to her for the said Ruanna for and during the term of her natural life or widow hood, and at her death or marriage, I will that my Executors sell all of the above named lands and that the proceeds thereof be disposed of as herein after mentioned.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Ruanna my negro Woman Phoebe and all of the children that she may have after this date and all of my house hold & kitchen furniture and three head of cattle her choice and my two horses bracks Oak & Nell and my old Wagon and one pair of horses two blind bindles and two dollars twelve sheep her choice twenty head of hogs her choice, all of the farming utensils except the hand axe and crop cut bar, and also of the crop and grain that may be any hands at my death also all of the provisions of every kind ^{on hand} at my death and all the foldable every time at my death is to be left to my wife Ruanna during her natural life or widow hood and at her death or marriage, I instruct my Executors to sell all of the uncomsumed part of my said bequests, the proceeds thereof to be disposed of as herein after directed.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my son Henderson Hale one Gray Horse one saddle one bow and calf one falling axe all of which he has now I value the same to him at one hundred and ten dollars

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy E Hale one side saddle which she has now, I value the same to her at ten dollars, I will that Nancy have one hundred dollars more, which makes one hundred and ten dollars, I also will that Nancy get one bed,

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my son Silas Hale one bay Horse Colles Rest one saddle one falling axe one pair of shoes one blind bindle one back bow one bow and calf one which he has now I value the same to him at one

Hundred and Thirteen dollars and twenty five cents, will that Silas pay back to my Executors three dollars & twenty five cents. Item 6th I will and bequeath to my daughter Sally Hale one hundred and ten dollars and one bed

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my son Luther Hale one Gray fell calf one cow one calf one pair of traces one pair of harness one back band one slaw stark singletree one cleave and two claw stons one iron and pigs one falling axe all of which he has received, I value the same to him at one hundred and three dollars and twenty five cents, I will that Luther get six dollars and twenty five cents more

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary E Hale one hundred and ten dollars and one bed.

Item 9th I give and bequeath to my son Salson Hale one hundred and ten dollars

Item 10th I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Nash Hale one Gray bank ball, I value the same to him at fifty dollars I will that Isaac get fifty dollars more.

Item 11th I give and bequeath to my son Sunkney Hale one Rifle gun and one hundred and ten dollars

Item 12th I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Susan Hale one hundred and ten dollars and one bed

Item 13th My will and devise is that my negro Boys Tom and Alexander and two little girls Sabana Maria be sold at or soon after my death with the proceeds of my estate, if any after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned and the debt owing to me collected, and if there should be any surplus are and above the payment of debts, and expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to all of my children to be in equal proportions share and share alike and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Joseph H Cammer my lawful Executor to all intent and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby Revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Ephraim Hale do hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of January A.D. 1833.

Signed sealed and Published and declared

By the said Ephraim Hale to be his last will and Testament, in the presence of us who at his request, and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

Henry E. Gellan
Solon Adairhold