

In the Name of God, amen. I Francis Tate of Edenton

County and State of North Carolina being low in body but enjoying the use of my natural understandings, and considering the certainty of death & the uncertainty of life, do constitute & appoint this to be my Last Will & Testament, revoking all others. What earthly goods it has pleased God to bestow upon me, after all my just & lawful debts are paid I give & bequeath as follows. To my dear wife Phoebe Tate & to my seven children viz Sally Tate, Letitia Tate, John Tate, Martha Tate, Mary Tate, Kitty Tate and Alexander Tate the same plantation whereon I now live together with six negroes viz Charpen, Delphina, Cherry, Tom, Hulley & oldy also the whole of my stock of horses, dogs, cattle & sheep likewise the whole of my household & kitchen furniture, plantation utensils &c, for them to enjoy in common during my wife's natural life or widowhood, or until my children arrive at proper age or marry. In either case it is my wish they should receive their respective portions, & provided my wife should marry it is my desire that she should also receive her portion. To my dear young Sister Jane Tate one hundred & fifty dollars. It is my desire that the whole of what merchandise I have now on hand and the cotton, pork & rice after reserving a sufficiency for the use & support of the family for the year be sold at such time as my executors may think proper so as to be sold to the best advantage and to become due by the first of November next. It is my desire that a fair & equitable settlement take place between my executors and Thomas Boston relative to the sum of Boston & Tate agreeable to our respective stock in trade. It is my desire that after all my just & lawful debts are paid off, that the residue, shall be a sum from the store or from my private concerns shall be applied to the use of my wife & my seven children under the same restrictions and agreeable to the same terms as of the first clause, but it is further my desire that it should be paid out in full sum of fifty. It is my desire that the same be done in the same manner & time applying them to the same concerns and further I do hereby authorize my executors to pay or either of them with full power to act in that behalf in consideration

Francis' Will

It is my wish they should receive their respective Portions, & provided my wife should
marry it is my desire that she should also receive her portion. To I give & bequeath
to my loving Sister Jane Hale One Hundred & Fifty Dollars. Only It is my desire that
the whole of what merchandize I have now on hand, and the Cotton, work &c rect
after reserving a sufficiency for the use & support of the family for the year be sold at
such time as my executors may think proper, so as to be sold to the best advantage
and to become due by the first of November next. 3rd It is my desire that a fair &
equitable Settlement take place between my executors and Thomas Brinkley relative
to the sum of Boston & Hale agreeable to our respective stock in Trade. 4th It
is my desire that after all my just & lawful debts are paid off, that the residue, & any a
sum from the store or from my private concerns shall be applied to the use of my
wife & my seven children, under the same restrictions, and agreeable to the same
terms as of the first clause, but it is further my desire that it should be paid out in
and unto Boston. It is my desire that the residue, & debts in Boston be left in
the hands of Boston & Company to be for their benefit, and further I do hereby author
ize and invest both or either of them with full power to act in that capacity immediately
after my decease. Given under my hand & seal this the 24th day of February anno
domini one thousand eight hundred & twelve.

First R Brinkley Francis Longville witness.

Francis Hale ^{Seal}

Hallifax County

May Sessions 1812. Then this will was exhibited in open Court, and duly proved by the
oath of R Brinkley one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion of Mr.
Hale Francis Fletcher James. In the name of the executors herein named came to
the open Court and was duly qualified thereto

Witness H S Drury Esq

In the Name of God Amen. I Arthur Higgins of Hale
by First & Second & Third Generation being now of full age and of sound mind and