

December Sessions 1844

In the name of God ^{Eliz. Hoyle's Will} Amen, I, Elz Hoyle of Hoyleville, Lincoln Co. N.C. am about to absent myself from home & having many striking illustrations of the uncertainty of Death do make this my last Will & Testament being in possession of my usual health & in mind perfectly cool & sound. Should death overcome me among strangers I trust I may by them be decently buried, and if among relatives or former acquaintances comment is unnecessary.

Of the worldly goods & substances which I possess of all description I wish disposed of as hereinafter directed.

To my beloved wife Elizabeth W. Hoyle I will all the property she brought to me of every kind, and in addition thereto I request my Executor to pay over to her the sum of Four thousand dollars in four several annual instalments. The first instalment of one thousand dollars to be paid over to her twelve months from the date he qualifies - to be paid in Cash or any property I may be possessed of at a fair value at her pleasure. The above bequest is made in the event of her surviving me. Should I die & she also within twelve months after me, the four thousand dollars willed to her I allow to revert to my children after deducting the whole of the expenses she may have economically incurred. The plantation on which I live it is my wish that my Father if he wishes to take it with the improvements (if my wife declines it as a residence) at what he may think a reasonable consideration, taking into consideration the situation in which he may be placed as he has as many improvements on his place as is of service, or would be needed by him; and if not

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If not desired by him I wish it either sold, or rented out to

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some person who will not abuse the building, until my son Andrew Sabau attain, the age of twenty one year, If rented the proceeds to go into the general stock of my Estate, and if sold, the amount of sale & interest also to go in the general stock, if not sold at the time my son Andrew Sabau comes to the age of twenty one, I then will he pays to each of sisters the one fourth part I will to him, My negroes I wish hired out annually into good and indulgent hands or sold if deemed more to the interest of my children by my Executor, also my household Furniture, Tools, Stock &c as he may think proper, or otherwise he should think proper, & can obtain the services of some one on whom he can rely, and have it all kept together, and have the Farm cultivated with my own hands, stock &c.

My interest in the High Shoal Manufacturing Company being one sixth I wish sold to the highest bidder

As respects the commercial connexion between my Father & myself it will be dissolved only at his pleasure, I should prefer its continuance.

If it is thought it can be taken care of I would like to have each one of my children to a bed & Furniture of their parents, and other articles my Executor thinks proper to retain for my children as mementoes of those who were not allowed the pleasure of rearing them.

My entire clothing & buckey I will to my only brother Caleb W. Hyl to each of my sisters & sisters in law of both families with my wife I will a good black silk dress to be purchased in some city & properly for that purpose.

The proceeds of my whole Estate I will & bequeath after the above bequests, debts & incidental expenses are paid to my four beloved

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share alike, except my son Laban as he is the only male of our family
name I will him over & above the share of my daughters One Thousand

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Dollars. I will here declare I wish it perfectly understood, & my will is that my estate after paying off as above shall be divided in four equal shares, one share for each, and that from each of my daughters share shall be taken three hundred ~~thirty~~ ^{thirty} three and one third dollar, & paid over to my son to make the thousand dollars above, if any of my children should die before they have lawful issue or attain a lawful age I will their part to the survivor or survivors, and when either of them becomes of age their part as near as can be ascertained be paid over to them.

To those who have had the trouble & care of my children since they have been deprived of their mother, & my sisters who have all been so desirous of having a share in the pleasure & trouble of raising them, and particularly to my Father & Mother they have my lasting gratitude.

The Estates of Jacob Tulenwider & Margaret Holland the papers & accounts are with J. W. & E. Hays papers with the store, on my own account I owe them nothing, & for my services I charge nothing, and hope they will take care of it, and if at any time in their power to serve my children without injury to themselves I trust they may be prompted from friendship & gratitude to perform the act should they ever need their support or counsel.

In the event of my wife Elizabeth W. having any issue by me I will it to have an equal share with my other children; if a daughter to share with my other daughters, & if a son, to share with Laban who I direct to pay over to his younger brother five hundred dollars, being ~~it is to be paid to him by his sister - should~~

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there be another daughter they will only have to pay each two hundred
and fifty dollars to make the thousand. Should my wife
have issue, I withdraw the condition of returning the money, willed
to her should she die in one year after me.

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For my Father Andrew Hoge I assign the settlement of my affairs & hereby appoint him my executor & in the event of his death I appoint Abram Howe & request that he will act for my children as he supposes I might act for him, did a parent so direct. Done at Haysville this 5th day of April in the year 1842.

A. Hoge

At the time this was completed there was no person about that I wished as witnesses, therefore I have none - I deem it unnecessary as my signature is well known.

A. Hoge

Michael Hoked Will

Knowing how uncertain life is, and by how frail a tenure we hold it, and being conscious that I do not possess more property than will make my wife comfortable I make this my last Will & Testament.

I give and bequeath to my wife Frances, all my estate both real & personal, together with all my rights and credits having the fullest confidence that she will use the same to the best advantage, in herself & for my children. But I would suggest to her to sell all the property which she can possibly spare, and which together with the bonds and notes due me when collected, if loaned to one or two solvent and punctual men, will yield to her by way of an annual interest, a sum sufficient to defray all current expenses.

If in the event my wife should ever think proper to marry I wish that she should ^{then} estimate what property she then has, & divide the same