

March Sessions 1847.

John Hayes' Will.

This my last Will and Testament —

1st I Will to my Son in law Doctor S. J. Harris in Alabama, two notes, which I hold on him nearly two thousand dollars, excepting five hundred dollars which I allow to be paid to my Estate. 2nd I Will to my Son in law W^m. Fulenwider not him but his Children, his wife & her Children that is with her at this time.

Also the landed property (including the ore bank) which I purchased at Sheriff's Sale, after the debt, which was sold for, with cost and Interest is paid up, then what ballance, remains, if any more or less, I Will to Fulenwider Children as aforesaid, that he the said Fulenwider shall have no controul over said property.

3rd I Will to my Son in law Charles L. Torrence Children, all the Negroes that I gave to my Daughter Elisabeth, and their increase —

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Children, Isaac and Henry, also Julia
two Children Laura & Harriet —

6th I Will to my son William. 5 Negroes, Silvester Bot, or Leander, Sally, Caroline & Anthony —

I have assigned away my ^{wright} to my son William two Negroes, Sophie & Tom, as Trustee or Guardian for my Grand daughter Catharine Minerva —

I now Will to my beloved wife the remainder of the Negroes not specified with all my lands in this County & in Mecklenburg with all my stock to be at her disposal, and all the other Negroes disposed of she is to have the whole control of them during her natural life, It is my Wish, that my son William, with the assistance of William Johnston, who at this time is my acting Agent, will give all the assistance to my dear Wife, in directing and helping to manage my Estate, and now I commit her with all my Family into the hands of the divine being who is able to direct, in all cases of emergencies — is my sincere Prayers, and ^{my} Gods Blessing rest upon them for Christ sake, Amen. John Hayes

June 25th 1845