

act for my children as he supposes I might act for him, did
a parent so direct. Done at Stylsville this 31st day of April
in the year 1842.

Wm. Hoyle

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

Wm. Hoyle

Michael Sticks 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, for 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
into seven equal parts, take one herself, and give each of my children
a share. If she should never marry I wish that she would make a
will, and give her property to my children in such proportion
as they may deserve or need, considering their conduct, necessities and
misfortunes in life, not meaning hereby to create a trust in favor

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of any child, at her death, leaving the whole matter to her entire discretion. That is, in the event she should not marry — But provided she should think proper to marry I desire that my children should receive the share above stated.

I have not made provision for the education of my children for the reason that I have not sufficient property to educate them well, but if my father should leave my children any portion of his estate, it is my earnest wish that my wife & my brother John F. Hoke superintend their education, as I deem it more important to their happiness and usefulness in life that they should be intelligent and well informed, than wealthy. And I wish them particularly to have my daughters thoroughly educated, and as to my sons, I wish ~~that~~ they should use their judgment and discretion as to the extent of their education, and I beg my wife to impress my sons early with sense of their dependence on their own exertions in life. And to impress upon them the importance of avoiding debt — and also to inculcate in them that no honest calling is disreputable.

I wish that my wife should consult, my brother John F. Hoke & my friend L. E. Thompson upon the manner of managing her affairs and of making investments of money.

I hereby appoint my brother John F. Hoke & my wife Frances my executor & executrix of this my last Will & Testament (Dr. Hoke