

fifteen thousand dollars with Saml. J. Person and Robert H. Corran sureties.

Teste

Wood J. Clerk County Court.

In the name of God, Amen!

I Eli W. Hall of the town of Wilmington State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind & memory, but knowing the uncertainty of life, do make publish & declare this to be my last will and testament.

Item first. I direct that my Executors herein after named shall as soon as may be convenient pay all my just debts and funeral expenses.

Item second. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret J. Hall her Executors, Administrators and assigns absolutely, all my household & kitchen furniture, including my silver of every description, Piano, Pictures & Portraits. My negro slave Louisa with her children & further increase. My negro slave Laura with her future increase from the date of this my will. Two Thousand dollars in cash and ten shares of Wilmington & Manchester Rail Road stock.

Item third. I give and bequeath to my daughter Maggie Dawson my negro slave Alice, daughter of Laura (to equalize her with her sisters, to each of whom I their grandfather Hall gave a servant before his death) to her her Executors Administrators & assigns.

Item fourth. It is my will and desire that as soon after my death as may be practicable my Executors shall sell for cash or otherwise at public or private sale, my house and lot (my late residence) and office on Front Street in the town of Wilmington with my iron safe, Office furniture and Law Books, and with the proceeds thereof first purchase a smaller house and lot, suitable to the pecuniary condition of my estate, for a residence for my family. The title to be taken in the name of my wife for life with remainder in fee simple to my children now or hereafter born, and to the issue of such as may be dead, (such issue to represent the parent, and stand in the place of such parent if living) as co-equal tenants in common, the balance of such proceeds, if any, after payment of debts & legacies to be invested and go into the general fund of my estate to be disposed of as herein after directed. It is my will that in the selection of a residence the wishes of my wife should be consulted so far as may be practicable.

Item fifth. The rest and residue of my estate (including the balance of proceeds of sale of House & Lot so above referred to) I give devise

who is to receive the dividends rents hires & profits of the same for her maintenance & support, and for the maintenance support & education of my children upon the following limitations conditions provisions and trusts to wit, upon the marriage or coming of age of any one of my children, such child is to have laid off, set apart, and allotted to him or her absolutely and in fee simple such share or portion of said residue and increase from the same if any, he or she would have been entitled to, under the statute of distributions & rules of descent in North Carolina in cases of intestacy.

And upon the marriage of my wife then and in that event I desire & hereby direct that my entire property alike real & personal not otherwise herein disposed of should be equally divided between my wife and each of my children (except such one of them as may already have received his or her share) and the issue of such of my children as may be dead (such issue to represent the parent as if such parent were living) absolutely and in fee simple, share and share alike. And upon the death of my said wife unmarried, then all my property not otherwise herein disposed of, shall vest absolutely in, and belong to in fee simple my children & the issue of such of them as may be dead, such issue representing their respective parents, as co-equal tenants in common.

I give devise and bequeath unto my nephew Eli W. Hall son of Edward G. Hall my gold watch. I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my wife Margaret J. Hall, John Dawson, J. G. Grady & Saml. J. Person Executors to this my last will & testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 23 day of April A.D. 1863.

Signed, sealed published & declared by the testator as his last will & testament in our presence, who at his request, in his presence & in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Jno. A. Taylor
Josh. G. Wright

Eli W. Hall (Seal)

Codicil

I give and bequeath unto my wife Margaret J. Hall my negro slave Alice, daughter of Laura, to her, her executors administrators and assigns absolutely, which said slave in my foregoing will was bequeathed to my daughter Maggie Dawson Hall now deceased.

Signed, sealed published & declared by the testator as a codicil to his last will & testament in our presence, who at his request, in his presence & in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Eli W. Hall

in his presence & in the presence of each other
have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

J. D. Lutterloh
Jos. A. North.

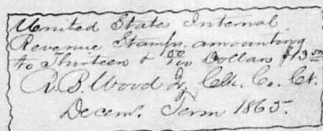
I hereby revoke & declare null & void my foregoing Will & Testament with the Codicils annexed thereto and I hereby give and grant unto my wife Margaret J. Hall in fee simple my negro woman Louisa, her present and future increase. I give and grant unto my said wife Margaret J. Hall Laura & her present & future increase. The residue of my Estate is to be held as tenants in common share & share alike among my children and wife under the control of my wife. ~~Small other respects my Will is to stand.~~

The share of each child to be allotted to her upon her marriage, in fee simple.

Enquired, sealed and delivered in presence of J. D. Haigh
Eli W. Hall H. H. Hall

In addition to the above I hereby constitute & appoint E. D. Hall & John Dawson Executors to my will with my wife as executrix.

Eli W. Hall



State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court, December Term 1865.

This paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Eli W. Hall, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court, by John Dawson and Edward D. Hall, the Executors therein named, and the due execution thereof, by the said Eli W. Hall, is proved by the oath and examination of John A. Taylor and William H. Hall, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said Eli W. Hall, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said John Dawson and Edward D. Hall the executors as aforesaid, duly qualified as such, by taking the oaths required by law.

W. B. Wood, Jr. Clerk.