

of his last sickness, and after he was informed by his attending Physician that his case was an extremely doubtful one, and overruled with an intention that the same should stand for and be his last will and testament. Said Port had arrived in the town of Cahaba in said County in the forenoon of the third day of November A.D. 1836. which was about fourteen miles from his house. He remained in Cahaba apparently in good health until 5 o'clock in the evening of that day, when he was then suddenly taken sick from his home and died in Cahaba in less than nine hours and before his return to his habitation. Said Samuel Port about five hours before his death after being informed by his attending Physician as above stated and after he had expressed a belief that he had only a few hours to live made these dispositions of his property in the words hereinafter set forth or to that like purport and effect, and called on one of his friends to write this his Will in haste and on that present, E. G. Ulmer, James Oles Ira P. Taylor W. A. Paul John La Courrette Henry W. Wallace, R. C. Crocheron and others to bear witness that he wished his property disposed of in the manner before stated.

Sam'l Olds J. E. Whitten

Chas. C. La Courrette Henry W. Wallace

The foregoing Will was admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded. See Minutes I. page 71.
Recorded 25. August 1837
James H. Craig clk

William McLeato's Will

In the name of God Amen I ~~Wm~~ McLeato of Dallas County of the State of Alabama, Planter, being of Sound Memory and disposing Mind, and calling to mind that it is appointed for all men Once to die, do make ordain and declare this to be My last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all other Wills by me made. First I give My soul unto the hands of God who gave it to me and My body at My death, if practicable to be conveyed to My Father's residence in Monroe County and committed to the grave in the family burying ground from whence My soul leaves to hope for a joyful resurrection. And as to what worldly Estates it has pleased God to bless me with: I give and bequeath in the following manner, My just debts and funeral expence being first paid. I give and bequeath unto My wife Ann Eliza Leato and her heirs forever, all the property, money and

interests of any and every kind arising or accruing
 from the last will and testament of her former
 husband Lawrence G. Branch, all the property of which
 she was possessed at the time of her last marriage. I give
 and bequeath unto my Father and Mother William and
 Sarah Cato during their natural lives my negro woman
 Flora with her two children Marcus and Betty. My
 further will and desire is at their death, that Flora
 Marcus and Betty, revert to my wife Ann Eliza Cato
 to have and to keep during her widowhood or her natural
 life, at her death or marriage. My further desire is that
 my Executors hereafter named either of them I do au-
 thorize to make and duly execute good and sufficient
 titles to the purchasers of this or any other part of my
 property so willed; shall sell or dispose of them and
 and the money from the sale I give and dispose of in
 the following manner To my Brother Allen Cato Ten
 dollars. To my Nephews Albert & Lemontone Cato, one
 hundred dollars each, and to my Sister Mary Cato, one
 hundred dollars. The balance to be divided into five equal
 shares. To my Brothers Lemontone and John Cato each one
 share. To my Sisters Elizabeth Roach and Rebecca Graham
 each one share. To my Nephews Charles Edward Travis
 and my Niece Susan Isabelle Travis each one half
 of a share. I give and bequeath to my Sister Adeline
 to have my large Mahogany Bedstead Bedding and furni-
 ture also a French Lapine gold watch. I give and
 bequeath to my wife Ann Eliza Cato my London gold
 watch, a Silver Snuff Box and my library of Books, to her
 and her heirs forever. The remainder of my Estate both
 real and personal I leave to be sold by my Executors
 as aforesaid, And in case that Charles Edward Travis
 my Nephew and Susan Isabelle Travis my Niece
 should be deprived of the means of getting a plain
 English Education from any property or money proceeding
 from their father, then and in that
 case I will and bequeath unto each one of them one
 thousand dollars, to be expended in the education of
 each one of them, and I constitute and appoint
 William Cato their Guardian to receive the money
 and expend it as aforesaid. I will and bequeath the
 balance arising from the sale of property both real
 and personal to my wife Ann Eliza Cato during her
 widowhood or her natural life, at her marriage or death
 my will or desire is that it shall be divided into five

equal shares, I give unto my Brothers Leibaume and Lementone
W. Gato each one Share, to My Sisters Elizabeth Roach and
Rebecca Graham each one Share, to My nephews Charles
Edward Travis and My Niece Susan Isabella Travis
each one half of a Share, and lastly, I constitute and
appoint, Leibaume Gato and Lementone W. Gato and
John D. Roach Executors to this my last Will and Testame-
ent. In witness whereof I have hereunto set My hand
and Seal this ninth day of April one thousand eight
hundred and thirty six and in the sixteth year of the Ameri-
can Independence. (Wm M Gato) (22)

Signed Sealed and delivered by the said Wm M Gato
to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us
who subscribe our names as witnesses in his presence
and at his request and in the presence of each other.
John D. Roach, Gilbert McInnis Thos J. McFatter.
The foregoing Will was admitted to probate and
Ordered to be recorded see minutes Page 89
Recorded August 25. 1837
James D. Craig Clerk

John Hale's Will

"The last Will and Testament of John Hale of the State
of Alabama, Dallas County, I John Hale considering
the uncertainty of Mortal life and being of sound mind
and memory, do make and publish this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following
that is to say, I will and bequeath unto My beloved
Wife Mary Hale, all My Estate both real and personal
being and lying in the State and County aforesaid, as
well as else where during her natural life and at her
death it is my Will, that said Estate both real and
personal be equally divided amongst all My children
including any that may be born after My death, and
I further Will that my Wife shall have power to give
or lend any property hereby bequeathed to her, to any of
her children & in case she give any of said property
to any of My children that the same shall be taken
into the account at the Division of the Estate at
the death of My Wife. And I do hereby appoint
nominate and ordain, Middleton G. Wood and William
S. Phillips Executors of this my last Will and Testament
and I do hereby repeal and revoke all former Wills
and Testaments by me made. In witness whereof I have