

TIGHT BINDING

In the Name of God Amen

William Tyler Well

I William Tyler of Washington County State of Virginia being weak & body but of perfect mind & memory & willing to have that it is appropriate for all men & men to die & commit my body to the dust to the earth in a Christian like manner at the conclusion of my existence and as touching the worldly property wherewithal it hath pleased God to help me I give bequeath and dispose of the following manner— Item 1. I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Tyler the whole benefit & considerations arising from the land— wherein I now live and also the land I purchased from Hugh Ward for the purchase of her and my children as long as she may remain my widow and of the slaves Nancy the slave the one half of the benefits arising from the same lands during her natural life & the other to have the benefit of the whole stock of cattle sheep and horses & tent house thereon known as the duplex quantity to the expense of as an additional article of my personal estate my Captain & its furniture I also bequeath to my wife my house hold & kitchen furniture to be divided in the following manner (first) My Bureau I leave to my daughter Melinda together with the book case therein also one bed bedstead and its furniture. I give & bequeath to my son William Tyler one desk one feather bed bedstead and its furniture. I will to my daughter Polly Tyler one feather bed bedstead & its furniture one Bureau & one dining table. I will & bequeath to my daughter Melinda Tyler one feather bed bedstead & its furniture one Bureau and Table one feather bed bedstead with its furniture and the remainder of the books and kitchen furniture of any, is to be the property of my wife I will that my son William Tyler have and enjoy the one half of all my estate as soon as he arrives to the age of twenty one years and if my son William should survive my wife my son William is to have & enjoy the whole of my land after my wife deceased & if my son William should die without issue the land to be divided among the rest or survivors of my children I will & bequeath that all my personal property Notes Bonds & Bank stocks (after my instruments are paid) shall be equally divided amongst & between my wife Nancy and my children but Melinda the child she had previous to our marriage is to have half the portion of the personal estate with my last wife Children my daughter Polly is to live with my widow and of the child surviving her she is then to live with my son William & to have his support out of my estate during her natural life I will that the boy of mine that I have raised shall be under the care of my widow & my heirs & executors to work for his master he arrives to the age of twenty one years to have there months board & one hundred & ten dollars out of my personal estate at his proportion & my widow money for the support of the child, I do hereby nominate & appoint William Wilson Whipple Esq. & my wife Nancy executors of this my last will & testament & do hereby make it other wise or orally bequeath made by me making and desiring this my last will & testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty.

William Tyler

Witness to us

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the parties of record to be
Ezra West & Betty Whipple & Ezra West Jr. then of the subscriber witness thereto as follows
Date Whipple Sept 1821 & Revived (William Wilson & Joseph French & John
J. McCarroll) as executors to the foregoing will

(Estimated 1050 words)
D.H.

Ebenezer Embree Will

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I Ebenezer Embree late Master of the town of Lanesborough Springfield being in a weak state of health of body & mind being to move the uncertainty of life as well as remain this my last will & testament & do desire of the property which it hath pleased you to bless me with in this world in the following manner (first) I do will & bequeath to my faithfull servant & slave black Nancy her freedom together with her children. James a yellow boy or gray man Abigail & Sophia her two black daughters and Monica her yellow daughter & John her son nearly black together with all the future progeny of the said Nancy & well as the property of each & all of her children that they be & are and I bequeath as my persons in Pennsylvania for some years past & that they all be legally emancipated as soon as they can where the state of Godforsaking negroes has on them can be extinguished & quiete to an article which may be law among my posterity signed by myself & Godfrey Embree & Christian Embree Sons & executors of the late Godfrey Embree Dec'd. And I do hereby authorise my executors to raise the Money Ruth of my property & pay it over to the persons designated in said article as soon as they become of proper age to receipt for the same As I do not believe said Nancy & her family (now) in any way answer the same they served me more than a sufficient to maintain them as the children were chiefly brought up on the contrary that they have been a considerable expense to me therefore do not think myself in Justice any indebted to them or I should have made them an allowance accordingly having given said Nancy some what to start her to have & pay & expenses considerall in shelling her children yet notwithstanding I do bequeath the sum of forty dollars to each child she has & may have younger than Sophia to be law but in shelling them to the best advantage that conveniently offers the other three children having already had that much or more law out on them in that way which the a small sum of money might qualify them for such avocation as they may reasonably expect to fall into it being now there was expended on my education and I further would recommend & request my Brother Eliphalet to allow said Nancy to till on some part of our land & stay where she now is and receive from her sufficient a sufficient for her to cultivate for herself & family while in many & afterwards the liberty of using a sufficient of land for herself in lifetime & further bequeath an eighth part of whatever my estate may be worth when that ten thousand dollars to the promotion of the abolition of slavery in the United States to be laid out in such way as the convention of the Massachusett Society of Friends may from time to time direct for the promotion of that glorious cause that the residue of my estate be divided amongst my lawful heirs in manner & proportion as the laws of Pennsylvania now direct I do hereby appoint and request my only brother & postman in his service Eliphalet Embree my sole executor of this my last will & testament and wish that the Courts require no security of him for the performance of his duty in the execution of this my will as I have the utmost confidence both in his talents & integrity & do not wish him embarrassed with giving security and moreover as the most of my property is held in company with my said brother Eliphalet & whereas the same at this time is owing him considerable better to qualify him to discharge of any of the property of the sum of £ 1000 Embree for the payment of any of the debts of said sum I do hereby authorise & empower him to sell at publick sale as publick as he may think best any of our movable property to effect the payment of the debts of said sum & further that if it shall appear necessary for him to sell any or all of our real property to effect the payment of the debts of said sum that he be hereby authorised to make such ought to be done as he may think fit.

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Elijah Embree Will

of lone, should be bound & having certain executors appointed upon record. I do hereby fully empower him to do the same & purfet letters as far as may be necessary aproued & my heirs shall be bound by such contayenne in the same way to all intent as if I were alive and had lawfully bound myself with him. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 10th day of the first Month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty.

Elijah Embree (seal)

Acknowledged in presence of

John McCoule

Southerne Comseck. If I shoudt not live to execute all my children I trust them to their as good an education as might be expected. I would have given them land & if practicable at a chichte of friends establishment & that they all be taught to industry and the boys be bound to some suitable friends to learn some occupation what they & my brother may think best.

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the attes of John McCall & Southerne Comseck the Subscribing witness. Thereat January Sypnrs 1821 & recorded. Elijah Embree qualified as executor of the foregoing will.

John McCall Will

In the name of God amen.

I John McCall Senior of Washington County U.S. State of Georgia being sick & weak in body but of perfect Mind memory & willing to make the Mordality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my last will & testament principally & first of all I give & recommed my soul to god who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same, and as to such worldly property & it has been pleased God to bless me with in this life - first all my lawfull debts must be paid.

First to my wife Henry I will & bequeath the Mansion house & household and kitchen furniture excepting one Captained one Clock & a Case of drawers also to my wife one horse and two Cows & Calves. Also to my son William McCall I bequeath the half of a certain tract of land I purchased of Henry Tipton containing two hundred & fifty acres the said half to contain the buildings made by the said William and to my son John McCall I bequeath the balance of the said land & premises to be their lawfull property. Also to my son Robert I bequeath the half of my house or home plantation containing two certain fields the said Robert Claes.

Also to my son Lewis I bequeath the other half of my said home or home plantation together with a wagon and harnessing one Cow Mare one Cow & calf four sheep one Captained one Case of drawers and a Clock together with table and chairs the farm utensils and the said Lewis to take the care of the said Henry and afford her the said Henry a sufficient support for during her widow hood.

Also to my daughter Maryann Anthony & Margaret Blain I bequeath five dollars to each one the said Maryann & Margaret to be paid to them by my certain executors and if more property remains after the payment of my debts the same shall be paid to the two daughters by my executors.

John McCall Will

I also constable appoint & ordain my sons William and James McCall my heirs and executors and I do hereby publish prome and establish this my last will & testament reciting wherefore and avowing all and every other wills legacy whatever signa sealed & pronounced the fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred & twenty one.

Signed sealed published and

proclaimed in presence of us

Wm B. Read

Jno. Blakely

Wm. Heath

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the attes of Wm. B. Read & Wm. Heath & Subscribed & Writen before two of the Subscribing witness thereto at

July Sypnrs 1821 & recorded / William McCall & James McCall

qualified as executors to the foregoing will.

John McCall (seal)

Joseph Hale Will

I Joseph Hale former of the County of Washington & State of Georgia being in a totel state of health of body & mind & desirous to make the Mordality of my body as much & as safe as my testament and desirous of the property with which it hath pleased God to bless me in the present life in the following manner leaving the land on which I have living expetable half miles back the whole title whereof is in my Brother Henry Hale & I give & ordain to his wife being my wife in the disposition of it which he hath made & signed the same day & date hereof to her with full power to satisfy & agree to it bury the same in accordance to the same as witness as to witness to this my will I also will & bequeath to my Slave Lydia & her son Hobie their freedom with all their legal dues which have in it is unencumbered after the death of myself my Brother Henry Hale & Sister Elizabeth Hale but while they are to be left to them & their issue they are neither to be burdened to any other person nor security for their maintenance & provisys for in my Brother Henry Hale will to which I also agree & satisfy. My second gift wherein after the decease of myself my Brother Henry Hale and Sister Elizabeth Hale I give & bequeath to my wife Elizabeth their daughter of Hobie their son residue of my estate I will & bequeath to my said Brother & Sister during their lives but no longer & after their decease I will it to my Nephew Nathan Greenly in the care & benefit of the following Negro now the slave of myself & Brother & Sister namely Maria Thomas Solomon her Lydia Hobie John & Anna to be made son to said negro by the said Hobie their slave after they become emancipated agreed to this my will & the wills of my said Brother Henry & Sister Elizabeth Hale of the date. I also appoint & ordain among my son of Robert Gray and Hobie their executors of this my last will & testament for testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand & signed my seal this 10th day of the 4th Month 1817

In the presence of

John Gott

George Graham

Joseph Hale (seal)

Henry Hale

Elizabeth Hale

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the attes of John Gott & George Graham the Subscribing witness thereat January Sypnrs 1822 & recorded.