

Henry Hale Will

Be it remembered that I Henry Hale of Washington County State of Tennessee being of sound mind & memory but conscious that the certainty of all human life is so short & uncertain that my last will & testament be made & from following. (P.R.) I hereby give & bequeath all my movable estate consisting of stock of every kind farming utensils with every other article of which I may have possessed to my son Elizabeth Hale during her lifetime. Secondly after the death of my son Elizabeth I give & bequeath all the residue & property to the following persons to wit my sons of color (P.R.) Maria Lydia Thomas John Stephen Solomon Leanda & Lucy who call themselves by the surname of Hale and who come by me educated at the late Sessions of our County Courts held for Washington County at Lawrenceville the aforesaid property I hereby bequeath to the above aforesaid persons to them & their heirs for ever to be equally divided among them — Thirdly the tract of land I now reside on consisting of one hundred & six acres I hereby will to be divided in the following manner — First To Thomas a few men of color who call himself Thomas Hale I give & bequeath one hundred acres of land on the lower end of said tract Henry Hale to be divided off by an east & west line. Secondly to Solomon a few men of color who call himself Solomon Hale I give & bequeath eighty acres of land joining the above lot and divided off in the same manner. Thirdly I give & bequeath to Stephen a few men of color who call himself Stephen Hale eighty acres joining the last mentioned lot and divided off by an East & west line. Fourthly I give & bequeath to John a few men of color who call himself John Hale eighty acres of land joining the last mentioned also divided off by an East & west line. Fifthly I give & bequeath to Joseph Blumette one hundred & thirty five acres of land including my present dwelling house and divided off by a line running north eighty seven acres west. Sixthly & lastly I give & bequeath to Henry Blumette one hundred and thirty five acres of land joining the last and at the upper end of my premises next to Nicholas Blumette which several tracts of land I hereby give to the above named legates as an inheritance to them & their heirs for ever — And I hereby appoint Nicholas Blumette & James Gray Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made — In testimony I the said Henry Hale have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 11th day of October 1820

Witness present

Henry Hale (Seal)
Mark

Henry Hale & Mary Ellis } The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oath of
John Gott } Henry Hale and John Gott two of the subscribing witnesses
Taken at Lawrenceville Sept 1822 & recorded

Porter Charlton Will

In the name of God Amen

I Porter Charlton Son of the County of Washington in the State of Tennessee being weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God calling unto me to the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die do make & declare this my last will & testament that is to say principally & first of all I give & bequeath my soul into the hands of God that gave it & my body I commend to the earth to be buried in decent burial as the manner of the devotion of my executor nothing starting but at the general resurrection I shall once be raised again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate which with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give & devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & join I give first to my wife beloved wife Rebecca Charlton all the movable property including all the stock together with household furniture of every description & also two negro girls named Nancy & Doves and that she have that part of the Masow during her natural life that has been called formerly my part of the Masow and furthermore that she if to get her testamentary as to be paid half out of the Masow as much as she stands in need of during her natural life and that she may dispose of these things as she thinks proper at her death then notice she may take made of paid up by John Charlton Also I give & bequeath to my son Thomas Charlton two hundred acres of land on Henderson Creek where he now lives — I likewise I give & bequeath to my daughter Polly Smith a yellow skin girl named Feller — And I bequeath to my son Simpson Charlton the balance of a debt due from my son Porter Charlton for twenty two hundred & fifty seven dollars & fifty cents — I likewise I give & bequeath to James Mathis my son in law two hundred acres of land on which he now lives adjacent to the line already made in the same left on more — I likewise I give my son Porter Charlton for all that part of the plantation on which I now live on the east side of the Creek on which the great mile now stands & joining the land above mentioned of James Mathis land and also the great mile with all that portions thereunto — And also I bequeath to my son John Charlton all that part of the said plantation on which I now live that lies on the west side of land Creek on which the great mile now stands and that the measures of land Creek be the dividing line between my two sons Porter & John Charlton from its mouth where it enters into the Muscogee fork of big Lost Creek up as far as my land extends — And furthermore I give & bequeath to my son John Charlton a certain negro slave boy named Joe upon condition that he pay to Porter Charlton for Thomas Charlton & Lawrence Smith cash of three hundred & thirty five dollars each the first payment to be made on the first day of June one thousand eight hundred & twenty three & one hundred & twenty five dollars each of every two years from that date until the whole amount is paid of — And I likewise I make & bequeath to Mathis Blumette & Hugh Campbell as the sole heirs of this my last will & testament and I do hereby utterly disavow over & disannul all & every other former testamentary legacies bequest & testament by me in any way before named & bequeathed & confirming the same to my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of June this year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one signed sealed pronounced & declared by me Porter Charlton as his last will & testament in the presence of us who in his presence & in the presence of each other have witnessed said will

Porter Charlton (Seal)

Witness present The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oath of John Charlton John Mathis & John Gott the subscribing witnesses Taken at Lawrenceville Sept 1822 & recorded — Mathis Blumette & Hugh Campbell qualified as executors