

Edward West's Will

Interlined before signing. Witness present at signing,
Wm. Stearns, Robert McKee, A. C. Jackson.

Edward West Dead

Whereas, I did in my last will and testament direct that my boy Lewis should be sold by my Executor because I thought there was no way of mancipating a slave under the then existing law, and as there is a law now that a slave can be mancipated it is my will that said Lewis should be mancipated when coming to my natural life time by complying with the then now in existence, and that all the balance of the will shall continue as it is. Signed in presence of Witnesses this 20th Feb 1849 - Test Jonathan Lott, Martin K. Shoppers.

Edward L. West son & Seal
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Henry Hale's Will.

In the name of God, Amen! I Henry Hale of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being in a low state of health, but of sound mind and judgement, calling to mind the uncertainty of life, make this my last will and testament: viz:

Item 1st. I will my soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried & all my just debts to be paid out of my estate.

Item 2. I do wish that my beloved wife Harriet Hale shall have the control of all my personal and real estate remaining after the payment of my debts for the use of herself and support of the family, that is to say Martha Hale, Sarah Hale, & Harriet Hale my grand-daughters - Smith H. Hale, Joseph L. Hale, and Fanny Hale, my three younger sons, who may assist their mother in the transaction of all the business of the estate, and managing the affairs of the farm. And I desire that my dear wife shall have power to dispose of any portion of estate personal or real of in her judgement it is that best to do so for the benefit of the six remaining children above named. To be at her disposal during life time provided she remains my widow, but should she marry again then in that case it is my will that she receive a child's portion only of what remains, the balance to be equally divided between the above named children together my son William H. Hale who is to be equal with the other six, except that portion of my estate comprehended in cash & cash notes, which it is my will shall be equally divided between my three sons Smith, Joseph and Fanny. My reasons for this are that I have already provided for and given to my eldest son Franklin H. Hale, and my son Wm. H. Hale a fair proportion according to my ability, but my three younger sons have worked for me and assisted me in making the money and notes and have not yet received any portion and I believe them justly entitled to it, but will

other portions remaining) of my estate it is my wish that the above named seven children, including Harriet my grandchild shall share and share alike. At the decease of my wife provided she remains single then it is my wish that the residue in her hands of my estate be equally distributed among the seven last named legatee. Now because my will that William H. Hale (my son) shall have the privilege of living in that portion of my farm now occupied by him free of rent as long as he chooses to do so until my wife's demise which is then to be subject to distribution himself included with the above named others, as other portions of my estate. It is understood however that should he see proper to leave or move off that he shall have no power to dispose of it in any manner what ever, nor shall he be obliged to pay for any improvements he may make unless by contract with the Executor of my estate.

Item 3. That whereas my above named granddaughter Harriet Hale had when left an orphan a residue of money of her father's estate amounting to two hundred and fifty dollars, and whereas I have taken her and raised her and adopted her as my own child, and have had considerable expense attending the administration of said estate, if the Court will allow of it it is my intention that the said estate of my cousin Luis Jackson Hale shall be charged - for my services of administration, boarding, and raising, the above amount of two hundred and fifty dollars and interest so as to place her upon terms of equality with my own daughters in the division of my estate. Should the Court decide otherwise and allow her a portion of the money of her father's estate then it is my will that a corresponding reduction be made out of her portion of my estate already provided for under item 2.

Item 4. That as I have given to my daughter Mary Placid the portion that I felt able to give her therefore it is my will that until the younger children are equally as well provided for it shall be the duty of my executor to retain the remainder of my estate for that use. But should it appear prudent and safe to my wife in view of the above devise hereafter to give her more it is my will that she shall have the power to do so.

Item 5. That as I did give my son Franklin in his removal to the West an outfit and five hundred dollars in cash to purchase land I intended this as his portion in full. But should his mother find the estate sufficient to place him in a situation to give him something more without impairing the rights of my other children not yet provided for as he has been it is my will that she shall be allowed to do so.

Item 6. I do hereby constitute and ordain Wm. H. Hale Joseph L. Hale and my wife Harriet Hale Executors of this my last will and

ment, and I do hereby revoke and disannul and disavow all former wills, and declare this to be my last will and testament in presence of three witnesses, in witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name, and fixed my seal this 1st of Oct^r 1850. In testimony, before signing in presence of Sam^l B. Cunningham, Mark Hale, Archibald Hale.

Henry Hale *Dead*

The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court at Chambers Town 1850, by the oaths of Mark Hale and Archibald Hale, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and admitted to record.

Michael Krouse Will.

Be it remembred that Michael Krouse Sen., of Washington County, State of Tennessee, being sensible in body, but in mind, do publish this my last will and testament in manner and as follows: First, I give my body to be buried in a Christian manner & my soul to God who gave it. Item: First, My will is that all my just debts be paid, and fully satisfied. 2d. My will and desire that my beloved wife Catharine shall remain at my residence where we now live and all the household furniture & kitchen furniture that she want to make her comfortable, she is to keep. 3d. My will is that the balance of my personal property be sold, and a twelve month credit. 4thly, my will and desire is that my son Michael Krouse shall have one hundred and one acres of land when he now lives beginning at a stake in the middle of the Creek, thence 39 W. 69 poles to a large white oak stump, thence with Young's line N 52 W 196 poles to a large white oak, his corner then W. 62 poles to a black oak, S 45 E. 80 poles to a white oak thence E. 23 poles to a small black gum sapling, thence S 50 E 14 poles to a stake, thence with a dividing line S 59 E 170 to a stake on the bank of said Creek and a oak stump, thence up the Creek with the meanders of the- to the beginning. Containing one hundred and one acres by estimate of Worth's plat, which I consider his full share of my estate. 5th. My Will and desire is that my grandson Wm^t Krouse shall have the East and North part of said tract of land including of the home place containing by estimate one hundred acres - for which consideration, the said William T. Krouse promises and agrees to support my wife in a decent like manner and to make her as comfortable as the nature of the case will admit of by rendering due attention to her in a decent situation, furnishing of her with everything necessary to make her comfortable in season, and if at any time William wife or purchase to marry or my wife, William is to him some person to wait on her in her helpless situation, and it is further understood that said William is to support her and her stock out of the rent of the farm say two cows, and my wife to continue in the room of the house now occupied, unless she is provided the above named William T. Krouse shall be able with the above requisition and pay to my estate four

hundred dollars in trade to be paid as follows: Four years after my decease to pay one hundred dollars, and to be paid yearly till paid up, which amount to be divided among my heirs equally, except Michael Krouse then in that my executor is to transfer the title to the William T. Krouse. My will and desire is that my daughter Susanah Krouse be made equal with my other heirs their balance of my estate to be equally divided among all my heirs share and share alike, except Michael Krouse. My Will and desire is that my son Daniel Krouse be my executor and no recently let be gained of him. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal February 29th, 1851, in presence of us, George Corrach, Austin Hytten, Henry Goodby.

Michael Krouse *Dead*

The foregoing Will was duly proven by the witnesses there in open Court at Chambers Town 1851, and admitted to record.

John Whillock's Will

In the name of God Amen.

I John Whillock of the State of Tennessee Washington County, being weak in body & of bad health, but of sound mind & memory, but calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing it is appointed for all men to die do make this instrument of writing my last Will and Testament to wit; in the following manner; first I give & bequeath unto my five sons, namely Edmund Whillock, James M. Whillock, William H. Whillock, Peter B. Whillock & Eliza Whillock all the right title & claim that I have to all the Lands I hold & to be by them Equally divided as they see proper; 2nd I will & bequeath unto my Daughters Henry Cornwell Sarah Humphrey, Nancy Proffitt, Margaret Proffitt & Louisa Wolf all my stock of horses cattle sheep & pigs, hoes, household and kitchen furniture & beds & furniture all my stock of bees all the money & notes that is on hand to be sold & divided Equally among them also my black boy Lee to be sold & the proceeds to be Equally divided among my five Daughters; And lastly I nominate & appoint Edmund Whillock & Peter B. Whillock my lawful Executors of this my last Will and Testament; signed sealed in the presence of 3 this 19th May 1851. John Whillock *Dead*

Jesse Biggs

James Kincheloe

The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court at Chambers Town 1851, by the oaths of Jesse Biggs and James Kincheloe the subscribing witnesses thereto, and admitted to record.