

January Sepire 1837

I, Elisha Hale of the County of Calaveras & State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say I wish that my executor, hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the custom of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my last debts out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parts of my estate.

Then I give and bequeath to my daughter Matilda Hale my Bureau my bed and its necessary furniture and clock, cupboard and all the remaining part of my house hold & kitchen furniture. I also will be that of my bags be chosen & fully loaded of cloths.

Then my will and desire is that all the residue of my estate if any after taken out the debts above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus and after the payment of debts, expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be paid over to my daughter Matilda Hale and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear friend J. M. Parrell my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof duly reading and declaring, wholly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in Writing Whereof I the said Elisha Hale do through set my hand and seal this 25 day of August AD 1847

Signed, sealed published and declared by the said Elisha Hale to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as Witnesses Herein

J. H. Lawrence
Franklin B. Harris

Elisha Hale
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In the name of God Amen I, Samuel I. Smith of the County of Calaveras and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind that I have and to do and I now dispose of my worldly Estate as follows

I do give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Smith all the property that I do have both real and personal at my death what