

Will of William Hale of Hertford. c.1771 to 1828

I William Hale the Elder of the Parish of St. John Hertford in the County of Hertford, Gardener and Nursery man being weak in Body but of sound mind knowing(?) and understanding so(?) this Thirteenth(?) day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty six. Make and Publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say First I charge all my Personal Estate with the Payment of my just Debts and Financial Expenses and the legacies hereinafter named. I give xxxxxx and bequeath unto my two sons viz Samuel Hale and Daniel Hale all my stock out doors of fruit trees, xxxxxx frames, hand(?) lights of every description whatsoever subject to their paying unto their mother Elizabeth Hale eight shillings per week, that is to say Samuel Hale four shillings and Daniel Hale four shillings weekly during her natural life and to my daughter Naiomi and to my daughter Rebecca Ten pounds a xxxxxx in one year after my decease – and for my two sons Samuel and Daniel Hale to carry(?) on the business(?) jointly between them. But if it should so happen that my two sons should not agree in the joint business(?) my will and desire is that the whole of my stock upon the different xxxxxx lands the with the frame(?) lights and xxxxxx all be valued and divided by my Executor hereinafter named whose division(?) shall be final and conclusive. But if it should so happen that my two sons Samuel and Daniel Hale shall be in arrears of payment to my wife or the aforesaid legacies at the time above specified above one month my will and desire is that my wife with the consent of my executor shall enter into and upon my land and grounds and take possession of the whole as and for her own use and benefit unless it shall appear to her and my executor they are likely to get a good livelihood. And as to all the rest residue and remainder of my real and personal estate, goods and chattels, moveable and immoveable of whatsoever nature kind or quality the same may be situate, lying and being in the parish of St. John, Hertford or elsewhere it may be found to be my property at the time of my Decease I Give and Bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Hale for and during the term of her natural life and after her decease I give and bequeath all the rest and residue(?) and remainder of my real and personal estate and effects of whatsoever nature or quality unto my two sons Samuel and Daniel Hale and to their heirs and for assigns(?) for ever. Peaceably(?) to enjoy benefit(?) my said wife Elizabeth Hale shall find that her xxxxxxxx may not find her a sufficient livelihood. My will and desire is that she may in that case if she thinks proper mortgage my estate in order to help her support her. But not xxxxxx xxxxxx.

And I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Mr John Troup of Baldock and my wife Elizabeth Hale joint executor and executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former and other wills by me at any time before made and declare this to be my last will and testament in xxxxxxxx whereof. I have set my hand and seal this Thirteenth day of February One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Six.

William Hale

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator William Hale as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have set our names as witnesses thereto.

Thos xxxxxx

Wm Cain

Samuel Cain

+ His mark(?)