

All a Court held for the county of Southampton on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Aug<sup>r</sup> 1714  
The last will and Testament of Colten Hitchon dec'd was presented  
in Court and there being no witnesses thereto but it appearing  
to the satisfaction of the Court from their own Knowledge of the testators  
hand writing. That the said will was wholly written by the testator  
as wile the Signatures thereto whereupon the same was ordered to be  
received And on the motion of Rich<sup>d</sup> W<sup>o</sup> Hales one of the Executors thereon  
made oath thereto and together with Sam<sup>l</sup> W<sup>o</sup> Warris & Benjamin  
Griffiths his Security entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the  
penalty of Ten thousand dollars Conditions as the Law directs certifi-  
ed to & granted him the said Rich<sup>d</sup> W<sup>o</sup> Hales for allowing a probat  
thereof in due form

Teste James Rochelle Esq

James Hales  
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In presence

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In the name of God amen I James Hales being in my perfect senses do make  
and affirm this my last will and Testament in manner and form following  
I Give unto my wife Henry W<sup>o</sup> Hales during her natural life the following  
Negros Sam<sup>l</sup> W<sup>o</sup> Hales; Wale Jun<sup>r</sup> Ellen and old Bonny and all of my  
House Hold furniture

I Give unto my wife Henry W<sup>o</sup> Hales to her and her heirs forever my two bay  
mares my white horse gig and harness all of my plantation utensils and  
Hitchon furniture and as much of the balance of my stock of every description  
and also as much fat Pork corn fodder critical Peas and Apples as shall  
be considered by my Executors (hereafter to be named) sufficient  
for the use of the plantation and support of her family for one year in due course

I lend unto my wife Mary W<sup>o</sup> Hales all my Bonds unless my son William P<sup>o</sup> Hales  
arrives to the age of twenty one years or until my said wife Marries again

I lend unto my wife Mary W<sup>o</sup> Hales the balance of my Negros unless my  
daughter Margaret W<sup>o</sup> Hales and Lewis W<sup>o</sup> Hales arrives at the age of  
seventeen years provided my said wife continues a Widow until my said  
children arrives to the above stated ages and support my said children from  
from charge

When my daughter Elizabeth W<sup>o</sup> Hales arrives to the age of seventeen years  
I Give unto her and her heirs forever the following Negros Arthur Charles  
Wale Mailes Warrick Shute Luten and Tom with their increase

When my daughter Louisa W<sup>o</sup> Hales arrives to the age of seventeen years I Give  
unto her and her heirs forever the following Negros Shute John Charity  
Henry jr Stanny Jacke Ned Saley and Catty with their increase

When my son William P<sup>o</sup> Hales arrives to the age of twenty one years I Give  
unto him and his heirs forever all of my Land in the County of  
Southampton with the following Negros Jacke Mary Peter Andrew  
Moses and Arthur Junior with their increase and desire and  
wile in case my wife Mary W<sup>o</sup> Hales should be a widow at the  
time my son William P<sup>o</sup> Hales arrives to the age of twenty one  
years that my said son should have and enjoy all my said  
wife during her widowhood

I Give my wife Mary W<sup>o</sup> Hales manna adain it is my will  
and desire that my personal Estate be immediately divided and  
given off in the manner before said and liquidated and that my  
Land be leased or granted out (as my Executors may think best)  
for the benefit of my three children