

Birth:

1770

Death:

Apr., 1819

Overton County

Tennessee, USA

The Last Will and Testament of Charles Matlock

In the name of God amen I Charles Matlock of the County of Overton, State of Tennessee being sick and wounded and weak in body but of sound mind disposing memory for which I thank God and call into mind uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of such worldly property or estate as it hath pleased God to bless with I give and bequeath the same in manner and form following that is to say

1st I desire that all my debts and funeral expenses be discharged

2ndly After the payment of all my debts and funeral expenses I give to my wife Elizabeth one third part of my personal during the term of her natural life and after her decease I the same to my children hereafter mentioned equally to be among them and to be enjoyed by them

3rdly I give to my son Overton and should the child with which my wife is now pregnant he a boy all my real estate negroes excepted to be equally divided between them

4thly I give to my daughters Celia, Melinda, Minerva P, Mary Wilson and Annie Liza an equal share of the remaining part of my estate not yet disposed of

5thly My negroes I give to my wife during her estate of widowhood and after that I desire they should be divided between Overton and the child with which my wife is now pregnant with should it be a boy equally between them both

6thly I give to my son Overton my large Bible

7thly I request that three beds and furniture be retained for the benefit of the family and also the grown cattle the young cattle to be sold

8thly All the rest of my estate real or personal of whatever kind so ever it may be not hereinbefore particularly described of I desire may be equally

divided among my several children hereinbefore

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my brother Moor Matlock executor of this last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments heretofore made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eighteen hundred and nineteen.

Signed CHARLES x MATLOCK (his mark)

Signed sealed published and declares as and for the last will and testament of the above named Charles Matlock in presence of us J

JOBE CARLOCK, Jurat

ADAM WINNINGHAM

ROBERT L FERRILL, Jurat

STATE OF TENNESSEE Overton County

April Session of the County Court in the Year of our Lord 1819

The last will and testament of Charles Matlock deceased was this day proven in open court by the oath of Robert L Ferrill and Jobe Carlock subscribing witness thereto said witnesses deposing that they saw him sign it acknowledged the same as his last will and testament and furthermore that at the time of the execution of the same he was of sound mind and disposing memory

Wherefore it is ordered to be recorded

William Gore Clerk of Overton County Court do certify that the above order of probate of the within last will and testament is a true copy of the original record of probate at the time aforesaid Witness my hand with the seal of said court annexed

WILLIAM GORE Clerk By his deputy D GABBERT

The foregoing last will and testament of Charles Mattock deceased and the certificate of his probation thereon was truly registered and certified on the 2nd day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty one and the word cattle above the first line of this page interlined before certified

JOHN KENNEDY Register

AB HILL ET AL Plaintiffs vs CHICKASAW NATION Defendant

Caption

The deposition of Minerva Hill of Monroe Tennessee taken on the 22nd day of March 1897 between the hours of eight a in six o clock pm at the office of AJ Copeland in the County of Overton, State of Tennessee to be read as evidence in the above styled cause of AB Hill et al vs Chickasaw Nation said cause pending in the United States Court in the Indian Territory

1 To the first interrogatory she answers Minerva Hill age: I don t know exactly how old I am but I somewhere about ninety years old I have no occupation. I live with my daughter

2 To the 2nd interrogatory she answers In Overton County Tennessee

3 The third interrogatory she answers yes I knew him Charley Matlock

4 To the fourth interrogatory she answers He was a quarter breed Indian was my understanding

5 To the fifth interrogatory she answers He was of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians by blood said to be Old Aunt Giney an old black woman that lived at Charley Matlock's that his father gave him told me that Charley was a quarter breed Chickasaw Indian by blood I used to go to see her often

6 To the 6th interrogatory she answers I lived about half mile from Charley Matlock's I visited their black folks often I can't tell how often and our families visited often Charley had black hair tolerable course stood straight and dark skin and black eyes

7 To the 7th interrogatory she answers Charley's father's name was Obe Matlock and his mother's name was Pollie so Aunt Giney always told me Charley's father was a white man and his mother was a half breed Chickasaw Indian by blood so Aunt Giney told me

8 To the 8th interrogatory she answers yes sir he married Bettie Lynch She was a white woman The Matlock's recognized them as man and wife and everybody else I was not at the marriage

10 To the 10th interrogatory she answers yes sir they was children born of that marriage their names of the children were Obe, Minerva, Pollie, Annie and Geter. Geter was born about 3 months after his father was killed

11 To the 11th interrogatory she answers yes they was his children I saw these children at Charles. Old Aunt Giney helped raise these children. I have heard Aunt Giney talk a heap about these children. I never heard anybody say but what they was their children

12 To the 12th interrogatory she answers Pollie married Tom Hill a white man

13 To the 13th interrogatory she answers No sir I was not at the marriage of Tom Hill. I was at home a cooking the affair dinner I saw them come to Tom's father's [John Hill] together. They lived together as man and wife and left this country together

14 To the 14th interrogatory she answers yes she had children. The names are John Calvin, Betsy Jane, Catherine, Andrew Benton, Mary and Evans

15 To the 15th interrogatory she answers I know they were his children. I lived close to them and they visited our house very often and I saw these children at their house

16 To the 16th interrogatory she answers yes Charley had a brother Geter Matlock. He had black hair dark skin and black eyes and tolerable high cheek bones. The last time I ever saw Geter he was at Charley's widow's fixing to go to the West he said as he left her

17 To the 17th interrogatory she answers no sir

18 To the 18th interrogatory she answers I never heard anybody talk about the Indian blood but old Aunt Giney and Charley and his wife Betsy they told me about the Indian blood that is of the Matlock family but I have heard my own master and mistress say that these Matlocks had Indian blood in them but they didn't say how much but Aunt Giney and Betsey, Charley's wife, told me that Charley was a quarter breed Chickasaw Indian by blood

19 To the 19th interrogatory she answers my best information as to the statement I have made as what old Aunt Giney told me about Obe Matlock and his wife. Charley's father and mother Obe Matlock used to own Aunt Giney she told me what I know about that family she said that Obe was a white man and his wife was one-half Chickasaw Indian. She said the names of their children were Charley, Moore and Geter. The youngest, Moore died in Overton County Tennessee. Geter went West is my understanding. I saw a fine shot pouch beaded all over that Aunt Giney said was a keepsake that Charley has to remember his Indian friends. I don't know which one of the children got it I don't know where it is now

Signed MINERVA x HILL (her mark)

Family links:

 Spouse:

Elizabeth *Lynch* Matlock (1773 - 1822)*

 Children:

Mary Wilson *Matlock* Hill (1815 - 1864)*

Annaliza *Matlock* Hill (1817 - 1886)*

Eilizabeth Geter *Matlock* Ledbetter (1819 - 1877)*

*Calculated relationship

Burial:

Speck Cemetery

Overton County

Tennessee, USA

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