DEED OF GIFT - MARY HIGHT TO C.A. WEBB AND OTHERS

To all people to whom these presents shall come know ye that I Mary Hight of the County of Rhea and State of Tennessee for, and in consideration of, the love, good will and affection which I have and do bear to my beloved friends, all of the county and state aforesaid, (that is to say) to my beloved nephew Chesley Adams Webb I have given and granted and by these presents do freely give and grant unto the said Chesley A. Webb, one sorrell horse; (secondly) I do give unto my beloved nephew William Riley Webb one red and white cow and dam calf. Thirdly, to my beloved nephew George Washington Webb, six head of hogs. Fourthly, to my beloved niece, Jane Caroline Webb, I do give one feather bed and furniture. Fifthly, to my beloved niece, Polly Black Webb, I do give two small iron pots and one dutch oven. (Sixthly) to my beloved niece Susanna McDowell Webb, I do give one pewter dish, six delf plates, one set of tea warmer, one coffee pot, and one side saddle. (Seventhly) to my beloved friend Elizabeth Webb, I do give one black mare, two cows, two calves, two steers, one heifer, twelve head of hogs, two feather beds and furniture, sixty dollars of a debt owing to me from Vanguard Brimer, and all other of my property and household furniture not otherwise dispenced of by these presents, all of which goods and effects I do freely give and bequeath unto the above named persons. In testamony whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 7th day of November, 1820.

Witness present: Thomas Coulter John Rawlings

Hox Mary X Hight (seal) Mark

Hamilton County

State of Tennessee - February session, 1821. Then was the within Deed of Gift duly proven in open court by the oath of Thomas Coulter, one of the subscribing witnesses, and ordered to be registered. Registered here 24th March 1821, Page 23.

A. Rawlings, Clerk of Hamilton County Court

The above deed of gift can be found in the Index to Deeds, Hamilton County, TN, and on microfilm in the records of Hamilton County, TN Public Library. A deed of gift in the 1820 period served as a means to transfer personal property from a living person to another living person and to record the detail of the gift. It is likely that in this case the gift was made in anticipation of the donor's death.