

I Samuel Lee of the County of Barron & State of
Michigan being now Sick but of Sound mind and
disposing memory for which I thank God knowing the
uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to settle
my worldly affairs before my death do hereby declare
and publish my Last Will and Testament
in the manner following I would I desire
that all those Articles of property which my wife
Sally Ann was possessed of at the time of our
intermarriage and which are now in my possession
a Carriage which has been purchased by her money
has returned to her possession, to her use and beho-
fit to be disposed of as she may think proper that is to
say, One Desk, One Clock, Two Cases & One Mirror
the Two Last Items she is authorized to select or
choose Out of my black stock Dress as she may desire
and two beds & furniture, including such other small
Articles as can be identified as belonging to her share
to our marriage, including the Carriage above named
Also a small writing Table which she recently
purchased is to be included with the above
mentioned things all which are to be vested
in her absolutely and at her disposal forever
Secondly I will and desire that my beloved
wife Sally Ann shall have and hold possession
of my dwelling house & the buildings attached to or
located near the same including the Lot and
Garden near them, with the right to use so much
timber from the wood land as may be necessary for
fencing fire wood & farming purposes also a field
called Golds field, & One called the Albert
field likewise two other fields One called the
School house field & the other the Bazzell field
Also two of my servants which she is to have the
right to select at her own discretion, all of
which the land and slaves here mentioned in this
Sum she is to hold and enjoy the use and benefit
of during her natural life or widowhood or
hereinafter on the premises - Hence I desire
that all the hands Animals and other things
necessary for tending and bringing the present
Crop to maturity be retained on the premises until said
Crop be gathered or hauled from the land and sufficient

with my present crop be fully complied with after
the Crop shall have been gathered I desire all
the perishable parts of my property to be sold Outland
Credit as my Executors may think most advisable
Fourth - I will and desire that all my black
people or servants be distributed Among my Children
or Legates and in Case they cannot agree Amongst
themselves about the division that the Court appoint
Commissioners to make the division provided the
right and Interest with regard to the Two Servants
vested in my wife as mentioned in the above bequest
shall not be impaired or interfered with in Case this
division be made before those Servants are returned
to the Estate -
Fifth - I hold a note of hand due my son Harrison
for twenty or thirty dollars I desire in dividing the
money that each child may be entitled to that
amount, & Harrison be charged with the principle
of said note, that is to pay each of the other
Children an amount as much as the principle
of said note and then Harrison to be entitled
to an equal share in the balance -
Six - I hereby appoint & request my son Obediah
& my son-in-law John H. Johnson to attend to and carry out
the provisions of this will - In testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my name and affixed my seal
this 30th day of June 1854.
Signed sealed published and declared as
above named Samuel Lee in the presence of
Asa Young
Henry W. Mayes
John H. Johnson
Barron County, Neb., 1st June 1854.
The foregoing writing purporting to be the Last will and
testament of Samuel Lee deceased was produced in Court &
proved in due form of Law by the Oaths of Asa Young
& Henry Mayes two of the subscribing witnesses thereto -
Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as
the true Last Will & Testament of said Samuel Lee
deceased.
attest
Darius Cook Sheriff