

It is therefore Considered by the Court, that the said Paper, writing is only good, as the last Will and Testament, of James I. M. Lee deceased, and is sufficient in Law, to pass his Real and personal Estate, and it is ordered that the said Will be recorded.

Whereupon the oath prescribed by Law for the Qualification of Executors is administered to the said Herman, & Robinson the Executor named in the said Will in open Court, and it is ordered that Letters Testamentary thereon issue to him

Wm. J. Cunningham Clerk

I, Daniel Clarke of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner, and form following that is to say.

First, that my Executors herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses to gether with my just debts, here due and to whomsoever owing, out of the money that may first come into their hands as a part or parts of my estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Flora Clarke Two Hundred acres of land in Little River Loc. including the mansion House and plantation

whereon I now live, also my negro man "Eli" three cows and calves, his choice of my stock, one horse saddle, bridle and cart, and all of my household and kitchen furniture, and all of the farm productions and farming utensils.

I give and devise to my eldest son, August Clark Twenty five cents besides what I have given him heretofore.

I give and devise to my eldest daughter Catherine Davis One hundred dollars.

I give and devise to my daughter Nancy Davis One hundred dollars.

I give and devise to my son Otis Clark one hundred dollars and one tract of land on both sides of Crooked Branch, containing forty six acres.

I give and devise to my daughters Single Women to wit: Isabel, Christian Mary, and Lucine, three tracts of land, first tract containing two hundred acres on the West side of the head of Foyers Swamp, known as the Turner Land, and the other two tracts containing one hundred and fifty acres each known as the Gay Land.

I give and devise to my son Duncan, at Clarke two tracts of land containing One hundred acres each one tract known as the Smith tract adjoining the lands of Robert Council, the other tract on the North East side of the Little Horse River, also one Bay Mare and her mare.

Also I give and bequeath to my daughters Single Women to wit: Isabel, Christian Mary and Lucine and my son Duncan, at Clarke after the death of my wife, all that I have devised to her, to share equally alike.

and Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend John G. M. Dugard and Duncan, at Clark, my lawful Executors, to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments heretofore by me made.

In Witness Whereof I the said Daniel Clarke do

RECORD OF WILLS.

Reverently set my hand and seal this the 26th day of April A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty four.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Daniel Clark, to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us who at his request and in whose presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

H. K. Council
C. H. Perry

David Clark, Deal

I, David J. Smith of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form following that is to say: First that my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts here and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

I give and bequeath to my sister Martha wife of William Smith fifty cents in money.

I give and bequeath to my sister Margaret wife of Robert Smith fifty cents.

I give and bequeath to my Brother Daniel Smith fifty cents in money.

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I give and bequeath to my Brother Amos Smith fifty cents in money.

I give and bequeath to my sister Mary wife of Guiford Morris, fifty cents in money.

I give and bequeath to my sister Susanna wife of James Long, fifty cents in money.

I give and bequeath to my sister Percy single Woman all the residue of my estate, after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus not and above the payments of debt, expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be paid out to my said sister Percy together with all my goods and chattels lands and tenements

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty father John D. Smith my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void, all other Wills and Testaments heretofore by me made.

In Witness whereof I the said David J. Smith do Reverently set my hand and seal, this the 26th day of November A.D. 1854.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said David J. Smith to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request, and in his presence do subscribe our witnesses thereto.

Test. John Cain
Wm. Smith

David J. Smith Deal

North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, February Term 1855.

John D. Smith brings into Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David J. Smith and propounds the same for Probate, as the last will and testament of