

RECORD OF WILLS.

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In the Name of God, "Amen"
I, Richard, M. Lewis son of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind, blessed be God, for the same, do make public and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, this the 19th day of August in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Six.

Item 1st It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

2^d I give and bequeath to my wife Hannah Lewis for the term of her natural life, the Plantations and lands where I now reside, including the land conveyed to me by Ephraim Street, Samuel Johnson and all the land on the lower side of my mill Branch to Daniel Street's line, also five cows and calves, choice out of my stock, and twenty head of the choice hogs and my Dugger and hares and ten horses of her choice out of my stock, and all my household and kitchen furniture, also a sufficient quantity of Corn and fodder to serve her in year -

3^d I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Ann Smith Two Dollars,

4th I give and bequeath to my son William S. Lewis his heirs and assigns, the lands herein titled to his mother after her death.

5th I give and bequeath to my sons William S. Lewis and Richard M. Lewis share and share alike all and singular all my property both Real and Personal, which I have not given away by deed, and all debts due me and all monies in hand.

Together with all the perishable property herein bequeathed to their said mother, viz

After their said mother's decease the property not bequeathed to their mother, they are to take possession as soon as I die.

I have constituted and appointed my sons William S. Lewis and Richard M. Lewis Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Richard M. Lewis to be and contain his last Will

and Testament, in presence of us who were present at the signing and sealing thereof.

Witness

Abraham Kelly

David Singleton.

Rich. M. Lewis. sub

North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Bladen County } at Newbern Term 1856-

There was this paper writing exhibited for Probate in open Court by Richard, M. Lewis and William S. Lewis, the Executors therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Testator Richard, M. Lewis is proved, by the oath and examination of David Singleton one of the subscribing witnesses, thereto.

It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last Will and Testament of Richard, M. Lewis deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And therefore said Richard, M. Lewis and William S. Lewis, Executors as aforesaid, duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by Law.

Test.

L. F. Cunningham Clerk.