

Williams Lee's Will

Georgia

Franklin County 3rd In the name of God, amen, I William Lee of the above County
and State being advanced in age by disease and subject to be called from my
present state of existence here by the will of all events, but being of sound mind
and memory do make and declare this my last Will and Testament a meny
time 1st It is my will and desire that all my just debts be first paid
Item 2nd It is my desire that my beloved wife Nancy Lee (after any debts and all
necessary expenses be paid) have one sixth part of all the property both personal
and real that I may die possessed of during her natural lifetime and at her
death to be equally divided among my five children (viz) Nathan Lee, Elizabeth
Lett formerly Elizabeth Lee, Moses Lee, Stephen Lee and David Lee

Item 3rd It is my desire that my son Nathan Lee have one sixth part of my estate (after
debts and expenses be paid) both personal and real, returning to my estate the negroes
(Nate and his child Jack, Sarah, Tony and Julia making in all six, which
I heretofore loaned him and that he has in possession) to be distributed

Item 4th It is my desire that my daughter Elizabeth Lett formerly Elizabeth Lee have one
sixth part of all I may die possessed of both personal and real to be left in
the hands of my four sons, Nathan, Moses, Stephen and David Lee in trust for
the support and maintenance of my said daughter Elizabeth and her
children and at her death to be equally divided among the lawful heirs of
her body and in case no lawful heir of her body should survive the
property is to revert to my estate and be equally divided among my
children that may then survive.

Item 5th It is my desire that my son Moses Lee, have one sixth part of all the property
that I may die possessed of (after debts and expenses be paid) both personal and real

Item 6th It is my desire that my son Stephen Lee, have one sixth part of all the
property that I may die possessed of (after debts and expenses be paid) both
personal and real

Item 7th It is my will and desire that my son David Lee, have one sixth part of all
the property that I may die possessed of (after debts and expenses be paid) both
personal and real

Item 8th I do hereby nominate and appoint my four sons namely, Nathan, Moses,
Stephen, and David Lee my executors to carry into effect the foregoing
Will, fully and effectively according to its tenor giving to my beloved wife
and my five children, each one sixth part, share and share alike
In testifying whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this the 27th
of March one thousand eight hundred and forty eight

Wm Lee (Handwritten)

Signed and sealed in presence of us

J G Pendleton

Archibald Farley

Thos G Jones

Georgia Court of Ordinary May Term 1828

Franklin County Personalty appraised in open court Thomas G Jones Architect

Temple & James G. Randle subscribing witness to the foregoing wills who being my
sons do hereby that they doth within name William Lee do hereby acknowledge
have him acknowledged the foregoing instruments to be his last Will and
Testament and that they each believe him to be of perfect sound mind
memory at the time of his so doing and that they each in the presence of
testators subscribed their names as witnesses thereto.

J. G. Randle

5th May 1828

Archibald Temple

Ebony Junius A. J.

W. G. Jones

Record 10th day of April 1829

James W. Grimes Esq.

Walt Wells will

This is my last Will & Testament

Let my debts be paid & let my executors adopt such means
as their discretion may suggest for the hiring of my negroes
late farming to.

I give to my friends W. H. Matthews his heirs & assigns. One
third part of my estate after the debts are paid, to be held
by him in trust for my Daughter Mary Gresham. The same to be
at all times subject to his power & control. It must be understood
that the three negroes I have already bequeathed my said Daughter
must be brought into consideration.

My other two children, Elizabeth

& Joseph Matthews shall, of course, inherit the remaining two
thirds of my estate.

I appoint Thomas W. Cobb & Joseph J. Moore
my executors

January 25th 1828. —

Test.

Rufus A. King

Walt Wells

Thomas P. Grimes

Isaac Mitchell

Lucy A. Lewis Court of Ordinary July Term 1829

Personally appears in Open Court Rufus A. King
Thomas P. Grimes & Isaac Mitchell subscribing witness to the within
will, who being duly sworn, say, that they saw the within named
testator W. H. Matthews sign & seal & acknowledge the same as
his last Will and Testament and that they each believed him
to be of perfect sound mind & memory at the time of his so doing
that they in the presence of the testator subscribed their names as
Sworn to in Open Court

Rufus A. King
Thomas P. Grimes
Isaac Mitchell

6th July 1829.

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Recorded 12th day of August 1829

James W. Grimes Esq.