

In the name of God Amen. I Sterling Lewis of the County of Hancock and State of Georgia being sick in body but of sound mind and memory Thanks be to Almighty God for it and calling to mind the Mortality of the soul and knowing that it is once appointed for all men to die do make Ordain and constitute this to be my last will and Testament revoking all other Will heretofore made by me. First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of him that first gave it.

and my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent Christian like Manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter to be named and as touching such worldly property as it hath please God to bless me with or that I may die possessed I give and bequeath in the following manner viz
Item. It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid as soon as the money can be raised from my plantation and farm —

Item. It is my will and desire that all my property be kept together and worked to the best advantage until my first child becomes of age or marries then I will that three of my discreet neighbours should be got together at the discretion of my Executors, and to value my whole property both real and personal and give to him or her who may be entitled to the same an equal distributive share, and should the legacy whom entitled to my property be less than his part of my

estate be willing if there should be funds in
hands belonging to my estate to receive money
from the said estate for his part of the land
it is my desire that he or her be paid in
money in lieu of the land as it would be
unnecessary to divide the land among the whole
of the legates - and after the first child becomes
of age or marries and gets his or her part the
balance to be kept together until the next shall
arrive at lawful age or marries, then an equal
division to be again made among the legates
entitled and he or her to receive his part and
the balance again kept together and so on
until the whole shall arrive at lawful age
or marries as above directed -

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah
Lewis my Ligg and Harney also an equal
share of all my property both real and personal

Item. It is my will and desire that my three young
children Elizabeth Lewis Foreman Lewis & John Lewis
be well attended to by my Executors and
I desire that they shall have equally as good
education as my three eldest children out of
my estate independent to their equal proportion
of my estate and as it is very possible that there
may and will be more stock on the plant-
ation than they may have any use for
it is my desire that my Executors have the
same sold to the best advantage for the use
of my legates and should there be more funds

in hand at any time than may ^{be} necessary
 for the use of the family, it is my desire
 that it be laid out in some valuable pro-
 perty or put out at an interest for
 the use of my legatees -
 Item. It is my will and desire at the discretion
 of my Executors at any time that ^{they} may think
 proper to dispose of my part of my estate
 both real and personal which may be for
 the benefit of my heirs, provided the money
 arising from such sale be laid out in some
 valuable property again for the use of my
 heirs. It is my will and desire that
 my son John W. Lewis and my relations
 Francis Lewis Esq. & Edward D. Allrond be
 my Executors to this my last will and testament
 sealed with my seal and dated this 26th of
 March in the year 1816 -

Signed in the presence of Stirling Lewis (Seal)
 Wm. Walker
 Wm. Hudson

Georgia, Hancock Inferior Court, sitting for Ordinary
 purposes 6th May 1816 -

The last will and testament of Stirling Lewis dec.
 was proven in Open Court by the Oaths of William
 Walker & William Hudson the subscribing Witnesses
 & ordered to be recorded - Francis Lewis
 and Edward D. Allrond two of the nominated Executors
 were duly qualified thereto - Whereupon it is
 ordered that letters testamentary issue to them
 accordingly

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An Inventory of the estate of Stirling Lewis dec.
agreeable to an Order of the Honorable
Court of Ordinary May 6th 1816 to us directed -

Adam a fellow \$500. Dick do \$500	1000 -
Buck do \$700. Jim do \$700	1400 -
Leor a boy \$550. Billy do \$450	1000 -
Arthur do \$400. Rachel a woman \$375	775 -
Elolly \$450. Rose \$500	950 -
Fanny a Girl \$300 Lucy a Woman \$400	700 -
Judy a girl \$400. Creasey do \$150	550 -
Ben a boy \$350. Daniel do \$150	500 -
Samuel do \$150. Edmund do \$100	250 -
Tabby a Girl	100
1 Gray horse \$40. 1 gray Mare \$40	80 -
1 bay horse \$40. 1 Sorrel Mare \$60	100 -
1 bay horse \$30. 1 bay Mare \$60	90 -
1 bay filly \$70. 1 bay Colt \$20	90 -
1 Sorrel Colt \$15. 1 bay Mare & Colt \$100	115 -
25 head of Cattle	75 -
56 head of hogs	56 -
23 head of Sheep	25 -
6 Beds, Steads & Furniture	240 -
6 Windsor Chairs & 12 Rush bottom do \$6	15 -
3 Pine Tables	5 -
2 Chairs & one case & two Trunks	12 -
1 Rifle & one shot Gun	30 -
1 looking glass	1 -
1 Boat & Crockery Ware	25 -
1 lot of Pewter & Tin	3 00
1 Side Saddle \$8. 3 mens do \$12	20 -
6 pots & one Iron Rack	16 -

Aunt bro^r forward

6 Iron Bands & for Cart wheel Boxes —	3 -
4 Screw Augers & 4 Chisels —	3 -
1 pair Hacksaws & 2 Handaxes —	3 50
6 Hops & 2 Bottles —	2 50
3 Barrels & 2 Rinsels —	2 -
1 Small Box & Drawing Knife —	50
2 Small Shovels & 2 Tying Plans —	3 -
1 Flax Wheel & 1 W. Smoothing Iron —	6 -
1 Clock Reel —	50
1 Mouse Trap & Oven —	1 50
4 Candlesticks —	3 -
3 Jars & 1 Tin Bucket —	3 -
1 Tea Canister & dirt Bowl —	1 25
1 Funnel & Spice Mortar —	4 -
1 pair Candle Moulds —	1 -
2 pair Fire Dogs with Tongs —	3 -
2 Pails, two Tubs & Cans —	1 50
1 Chain & Mark Bucket —	50
1 Loom & Furniture —	5 -
1 Lined Stove 5. 10 Hhd. & 9 Barrels 4 75	9 75
1 Log Chain & 3 Harrow Teeth —	4 -
2 Shovels & Bar Shear —	3 -
2 Weeding Hoes & 2 Grubbing do —	2 -
2 Axes 2 50. 1 Wagon \$50 —	52 50
1 Gigg & Harness —	1 50 -
1 Ox Yoke & parcel of Old Leather —	2 50
1 Trowel Hoe, Shovel & Hoe —	1 50
2 Iron rods & Clevis —	1 -
2 Old Axes & Scooter below —	1 -
1 pair Iron Wedges 1.00. 1 Crop Cut Saw \$3 —	4 -
1 Cutting Knife 50. 4 Brides \$4 —	4 50
1 Lined Iron 75. 2 Boxes & Cans \$6 18 —	10 75

amt. forwarded —

4 Weeding & 1 Grubbing Hoes —	5 50
2 Shovels, 3 Harrows & 1 pr. Alledges —	5 -
2 Coulters & 2. 3 Axes & Hatchet \$4.75	6 75
4 Spinning Wheels —	5 -

\$8538 50

Hancock County. This is to certify ³ Walter Hamilton
 that the above Appraisers were duly ³ Gray Linch
 qualified agreeable to an order ³ Elias Sledge
 from the Honorable Court of Ordinary
 for the County aforesaid.

Francis Lewis JP.

October 30th 1867