

Copy of the last will & Testament of Lemuel Vance deceased

Georgia Harris
County

In the name of God Amen I Lemuel Vance of said State and County that I must shortly depart from

this world deem it right and proper both as respects myself and family that I should make a disposition of the property with

such a kind Providence has blessed me.

I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition.

I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executors having for name as I am unwilling that my creditors should be delay of their rights and my Executors have full power to sell any perishable property they may see fit for paying the same.

I desire that my daughter Frances have a bed and Furniture to wane half seven and pigs which will amount in value to the same of my other children viz: Mary Ann & Alice Jane Turner and Eliza Marsh which they have already received of my Estate.

I desire that my wife Elizabeth remain on my farm for the purpose of her own support and also for the raising and rearing of my daughter Frances son Lemuel and James Vance.

I give and bequeath to my two sons Lemuel and James Vance my lot of Land siting in the County of Harris on which I now reside containing one hundred and one acre of land. I give and bequeath to all the right members and appurtenances to said Lot excepted of Land in any wise pertaining or belonging to their own proper use benefit and behoof forever. I think either of my sons it part that I feel the same in to have the whole of said lot of Land.

I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth executrix John Brown and Merchick Mc Gowan Executors to this my last will and Testament this 27th September 1855. (Sign) Lemuel Vance

Signer before declared and published by Lemuel Vance as his last will and Testament in the presence of us subscribers who subscribed our names here in the presence of said Testator and of each other. Signer

Henry S. Cornett.
John J. Copeland
Bashra H. Dismukes.

(Georgia Harris
County)

Harris last of Orange County Term 1856.

July 2nd 1856.

Personally appeared in open Court John J. Copeland and Bashra H. Dismukes and being duly sworn says that they signed the above last will and Testament of Lemuel Vance deceased in his presence and saw him sign the same, and it was at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other and that we believe him of sound disposing mind & memory at the time of signing the same.

Given & subscribed by
George H. Harris
Ordnary

John J. Copeland
Bashra H. Dismukes