

In the name of God, I, Thomas Lewis of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby declare for the same, 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 my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Now: I give and devise to my beloved wife Leanna Elizabeth, all my estate, both real and personal of which I may be possessed at my death, to live and peacefully enjoy the same, during her widowhood, or untill my Grand son Robert Bruce Lewis, now nearly four years old, shall attain to the age of twenty one years, at which time, if he shall have remained with his Grand Mother, and cared for her, I desire that he shall have an equal share with my beloved wife and my own children, otherwise, to receive only an equal share with his sister Ella Lee Lewis, being the heir of my daughter Eliza Lewis deceased.

It is my will and desire that should my beloved wife see proper to dispose of any of the property, of which I may be possessed at my death, in order to the better take care of the balance, that she be allowed to do so (provided especially) that each one of my children or their heirs share exactly alike in the proceeds.

My Will and desire is that when my Grand son Robert Bruce, shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years, that my said beloved wife Leanna Elizabeth, shall cause the property of my estate to be equally divided between herself and my own children or their heirs (the said Robert Bruce to share equally with my own). If he shall have met the requirements in the former item, or honestly endeavored so to do, and that Ella Lee receive one half share, and that it all be so done, that there be no partiality or discrimination shown to any of my children.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my son John B. Lewis as a resident of Florida 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 making and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I, the said Thomas Lewis do hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of May 1894.

Thomas Lewis (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Thomas Lewis to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at his

request, and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

R. Bruce Leonard
John B. Lewis

State of North Carolina

Brunswick County

ss. In the Superior Court.

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Lewis deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by John B. Lewis, the executor therein mentioned, and the decedent executed thereof by the said Thomas Lewis is proven by the oath and examination of R. Bruce Leonard & John B. Lewis the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, do so depose and say, and each for himself depose and swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Lewis that the said Thomas Lewis in the presence of the deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 4th day of May 1894.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Thomas Lewis the testator aforesaid, died at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declared the said paper writing to be subscribed by him, and exhibited to him his last Will and Testament, and the deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will, as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Thomas Lewis was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a Will, and was not under any restraint, to the knowledge, information or belief of the deponent. And further this deponent's say so.

R. Bruce Leonard
John B. Lewis

Sworn and subscribed, this 13th day

of May 1895, before me

d. J. Shoop, C.S.C.

North Carolina

Brunswick County

ss.

In the Superior Court.

It is the finding and verdict of a jury sworn by the Court that said paper writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of Thomas Lewis deceased.

That the said Will together with the probate, executed and filed.

This 13th day of May 1895.

d. J. Shoop

Clerk of the Court