

I David Fox of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following

First That my executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends pay all funeral expences together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate

2^d I give and devise to my beloved wife Eleanor Fox one hundred acres of land I now live on during her natural life including my mansion and all out houses and other improvements in satisfaction for in lieu of her dower and third of and all of my real Estate

3^d I give and devise to my beloved wife Eleanor Fox one hundred dollars in cash all of my house hold and kitchen furniture her choice of my black cows forever

4th I give and devise to my beloved wife Eleanor Fox a years support for her and family out of my crop & stock and provisions on hand

5th I give and devise to my beloved son Josiah B Fox the balance of the land I now live on to include the houses he now is in possession of and live in at this time to him and his heirs in fee simple

6th I give and devise to my beloved son Joseph S. Fox after the death of beloved wife the hundred acres of land I willed to her during her natural life to him and his heirs in fee simple forever

7th I give and devise to my beloved son Horace Fox Henry Fox Lewis Taylor Fox my tract of land adjoining the land of Daniel Smith and ~~one~~ one of my sons Horace, Henry & Lewis Taylor Fox is to pay to my son Isaac twenty five dollars in cash for his share of the land to have and to hold to their heirs in fee simple forever.

8th I give and devise to my beloved son Solomon I. Fox the tract of land he now lives on in fee simple forever to him and his heirs.

9th I will and devise that all the residue of my estate not heretofore disposed of be equally divided between my six sons Joseph S., Josiah B., Henry, Isaac, Horace and Lewis Taylor Fox and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son Joseph S. Fox my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true and and meaning thereof hereby revoking and disclaiming utterly with all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made

In Testimony whereof I the said David Fox do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 25th day of August A.D. 1854

Signed sealed published and declared by the said David Fox to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence subscribed our names as witnesses unto

Dallas Haden & Charles C. Brooks

February Term 1837

The execution of the foregoing last will and Testament of David Fox Sr was then duly proven in open court by the oaths of A. S. Haden & C. C. Brooks the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. whereupon J. D. Fox the executor therein named was duly qualified as such

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H. P. Taylor C. C. C.

I Ezra Lane of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make publish and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

First That my Executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expences together with my just debts howsoever and to whom soever owing out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my Estate

1st Item I give to my beloved Brother John I Lane all the notes and accounts that I hold against him at the time of my death on condition that he bring no claim against my Estate which he holds before my death I also give my said Brother J. I Lane one thousand dollars in money to be paid to him by my Executors as soon as collected a part of my Estate also twenty

eight acres of land more or less lying ⁴⁸⁷ on
the waters of Hicks Branch as by reference
to a deed made by Tarterton Johnson to me
will more fully appear also sixty two
acres of land more or less lying on flat
creek

2nd Item I give and bequeath to my beloved
sister Elizabeth Bony and the heirs of her body
and my beloved sister Margaret Brooks and
the heirs of her body & to the children of my
beloved sister Martha Lambert &c all the
land that descended to me from my Father &c
except that hereinafter disposed of and also ex-
cept the meeting house lot as is laid off and
marked round and one half acre round the
grave yard except also a portion of land
containing some fields commencing on the line
of the John Bony Tract at the North side of
a Cotton patch field running west far enough
on a south course to take in the field thence
thence south to the end of the lane thence west
along the fence to the big road thence a south
direction along said road to Job H Bony's line
thence east with his line to the line known as
the Hughes land that is to say Elizabeth Bony
or her children one third part of said land
and to Margaret Brooks and her children
one third part of said land, and to sister Martha
Lambert's children one third part of said
land to have and to hold provided they never
come upon the River of Abraham Lane &c or
my divisions for any portion of the lands that
they inherited from me or said deceased

Item I give and bequeath all my right in the
lands that I bought of John Sambuts interest
in to sister Martha's children one hundred
dollars each as many of them as may be alive
at my death to be paid by my executor as
part of my estate,

Item I give to sister Margaret Brooks all
the notes and accounts that I hold against Thomas
Brooks her husband provided they bring no
claims against my estate that they held before
my death,

Item I give to my sister Elizabeth Bray
all the notes and accounts that I hold against
Jimmie S Bray provided they bring no claim
against my estate that they held before my death

I also give my sister Elizabeth Bray five hun-
-dred dollars in money to be paid to her by my
Executors as soon as collected

Item I give to the following of my brother John
S Lane to wit Susan C Lane James S Lane John
R Lane, Elizabeth A Lane and Abram S Lane

The following negro slaves namely, Sarah, York
Harris Wesley and Leffie The oldest child to take
the first choice and so on down and if any of the
aforesaid negro dies before they get them in pos-
session there is to be another about as good put in
the place of it,

Item I give to Arminty Lane daughter of my
brother Andrew Lane one negro slave by the
name of Caroline

Item I give to my brother John S Lane children
including Wincey Le Jordan and Mary A Brown

and my brother Andrew Lane and children
- their lawful representatives all the balance
of my property except that hereafter disposed of
to them and those alike, but my desire is
that my negroes shall not be sold nor my negro
women and small children parted and if in
the division there cannot be an equitable
division is the slaves without parting the
women and small children then it is my
desire that one lot or lots be made in money
and none of said children is to come upon
the heirs of Abram Lane but my father for
my of the lands inherited from said deceased

they do they are no longer to hold any of
the property which I have willed to them

Item I give and bequeath to James S Lane
John R Lane and Abram S Lane the place
where I now live known by the name of the

John Bray plantation, also the plantations
known by the name of the Hughes place also

portion of the old place or Abram Lane
plantation describes in Item 2nd of this
my last will and Testament the three to

divide said lands equally between themselves
Item It is my will and desire that my Executors

hereafter mentioned shall have the grave yard
in the old place well enclosed by a stone wall
with two gates and pay for the same out of

a part of my estate also I wish grave stones
set up at my Father Brother John Sister Martha
and my own grave and pay for as before
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