

as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof
John Hight, William Taylor + David Cannon.

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Henry Cannon. (Seal)

State of North Carolina }
Duplin County }

May Term 1825

Then was the within will proved in open court by the oath of the Collector and ordered to be recorded to at the same time Elias Faison was qualified as Exr thence ordered that letters issue.

Jos James Penrose clk

In the name of God Amen I, Dranna Black of Duplin County N.C. being of sound mind and memory blessed by God as this the 16th day of September in y^e year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two make and publish this my last will and testament in manner & form following that is to say. First I give and bequeath to my grand son Albert Hicks one feather bed and furniture to him Albert Hicks his heirs & assigns forever.

Dranna Black

2^d I give and bequeath the residue of my worldly goods & estate every kind whatsover to be equally divided into three shares of which I give one share to my daughter Nancy Tidwell one share to my daughter Polly Faison, and one share to the children of Lincy Shaw to them & their heirs forever & assigns and I hereby make and ordain my beloved son Thomas Faison & Elias Faison Exrs of my last will and testament in witness whereof the said Dranna Black here to this day my last testament at my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Dranna Black the testator as her last testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

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Mary Elliot John Elliot

Dranna Black (Seal)

Duplin County Octo Term 1823

Then was the within will proved in open court by the oath of the Exrs and Jacob Lewis and at the same time John Mc Cause & James Cox the Exrs named in the will analyzed as was ordered that letters issue.

John Lewis

Jos J. Penrose clk

In the name of God Amen I, John Lewis of the County of Duplin State of North Carolina being of sound mind & perfect memory

think to be to God do this the first day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & twenty three make and publish this my last will and testament. Disannulling all other wills by me made or published & that in manner and form following to wit.

First of all I wish all of my just debts and funeral expenses paid out of my estate and with that part particularly appropriate for that purpose & that at the discretion of my Exrs whom I shall hereafter appoint.

Next I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth her life time all my plantation cote the old plantation from when the line between Williams Lewis front plantation & my own unto a line including part of a tract bought of William Card beginning on that so as to run nearly a south west course will cross the avenue near the head so as to strike a drain then down the drain to the same ditch and then strait with the ditch including part of the Bunting land also to the swamp and crossing on or in the same run water it strikes Williams Lewis line then reports

beginning containing all the land the lying the two forementioned lines be the same more or less so to be to her proper use & behoof of the said Elizabeth Lewis during her natural life with all conveniences her to be desired & improvements and at her decease to descend to my youngest son Obid also that my wife Elizabeth have the use of all my stock of cattle horse and sheep or so much thereof as she may require for the support of my family & raising of my young children. Also such part of my house hold and kitchen furniture with my plantation tools with the cart & one yoke of oxen my riding chair & harness &c. &c. such part of stock as is judged surplus to be let by my exrs to pay debts also all my crop of every species to the aforementioned use of the family except surplus to be disposed as before mentioned. Also that my wife Elizabeth have of my stock of negroes my negro son Tom & Sharp & Lerow & Studum & my negro woman de mancey & Cloe & Selina. Which negroes with the addition of my little girl ady to the proper use of my wife Elizabeth to be left entirely at the disposal as she thought most reasonable by living out to keep at home & otherwise to descend unto the following children equally by divide except the little girl ady to be divided between my other daughter Dranna Lewis & Elizabeth.

Also that the above mentioned negroes shall be divided amongst all children at the decease of their mother so as to make them equal