

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 Pascoe 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 Shawm 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 Exr 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. Pascoe 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 cate the old plantation farm when the line between Williams Lewis front plantation & my own was 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 island 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 ship or so much thereof as should necessary 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 near 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

with what they get now and what they get then except my own Davis Case
if a bond to William says some against me then give names of what then two
hundred acres of an ^{agreement, also} ^{land, & also} ^{the land that my two sons} ^{the land that my two sons}
divided ^{the land that my two sons} ^{the land that my two sons}

Next I give and bequest to William Lewis that remaining part of my
island field and land bounded by John & Obad before mentioned
likewise another hundred acres plus taken up by self as a swamp
plus swamp running along Jacobs line up that then William Lewis
to the fork of the branch bounded then by William Lewis down to my
branch below the bridge then bounded by its own line as the patent con-
taining more or less hereby give to my wife as afore mentioned lands her
life time and at her death to devest to the above mentioned William Lewis
one cow & calf conditions as before one bed and furniture one cow & pig.

Next I give and bequest to my daughter Lovina Lewis my little negro girl
dina one cow & calf as afore said conditions one bed & furniture and her
part of aday as before divided & the value of one cow & pig.

Next I give and bequest to my daughter Elizabeth Lewis my little
negro boy above with her part of aday as afore said ^{conditions} one bed
and furniture one cow & calf as before divided and the value of one cow & pig

Next my son Obad Lewis being persuaded for in the land in possession of
his mother at her decease I also give him one cow and calf one bed & furniture one
cow and pig also my desire that all my crop of her perfume with all the
surplus and necessary stock or crops and also my negro man she here
be sold by my executors to pay my debts and defray expenses etc.

Obad also that my wife have the young horses and bay mare if she gets
of the same mare or his if ask for her to have the old mare in his peace to
the use of the family likewise that she draw the expenses of schooling my
young children out of my estate and also that if any stock to be left
at the death of my wife the same to be sold & divided amongst my
children except David my son who has got his share already.

Next I give and bequest to my son David Lewis one negro man
Frank one horse two cows and pig six head of sheep one bed &
furniture & two hundred dollars cash now in his possession all the afore
mentioned articles.

Next I give and bequest daughter Boston Messard my negro boy
coming especially give clearly unto her here by deed of gift
also one mare one cow & calf two cows and pig two cows & lamb
one bed and furniture all now in her possession

Next I give and bequest to my daughter Mary Lewis one negro man Jack
one cow & calf one horse one two cows & pig one bed & furniture with
two hundred and ten dollars & 18th each are a provision of Jack
which may be particularly to the bene of ad day given at her death
Next I give and bequest unto my son Barnet the land he now has
which he has got a deed for and full part of the process himself
one horse one cow & calf one cow & pig one bed and furniture all now
in his possession

Next I give and bequest to my son James Lewis two tracts of land
bought from Trachy and that bought of them containing about 344
acres be the same more also my negro boy young James to be half
to him & half to Jack. Also one bed & furniture one cow and calf
when depart the family.

Next I give and bequest to my son Jacob Lewis the piece of
ground in my island where he has begun to clear from the shore
between it & my island field bounded by the little branch to the
creek then across the branch nearly an each corner to the field
line and also my field line bought of Jeff Bell containing by estimation
one hundred acres. Also a part of a tract but from Thally be-
gining at the Kelly and William corner south of the meadow
swamp running thence nearly by the course for Richard Charlton
mill line his line thence his line to the corner over the indian grave
branch Richard Charlton corner thence a straight course to the pond
at the head of wetness meadow or marsh and through the pond and
down the stream to Allen corner thence that line to the Jacob
corner thence that line to my own line about the division track
then up my line to the corner thence a direct course to Thally corner
thence Thally line to the beginning. Also that my son Jacob have
half of the negro James as before mentioned to James & himself also
the mare in his possession with one cow and calf when depart
the family if to spare out of the estate from the family one bed and
furniture one cow and pig fifty dollars in money with what I
am now under him. Also to arise Jacob Lewis I give two
surveys patented by my self & Henry Ross now occupied by Ed
Ross containing about two hundred acres & fifty acres and
also that two later tract be as in & unto said Henry Ross
for to occupy and improve & enjoy for the space of seven years
without obstruction in conscience as the same was granted

I also give unto my his own James and Jacob out of my estate to be raised thereof as a sum proportionable to them for their share of the expenses of annuities imposed on them for the support of the family hereafter which may be thought adequate to their several annuities hereafter.

Next I give and bequeath to my own Joseph Carr the remaining part of the Holly Land eastward of the dividing line mentioned to Jacob as above also my negro boy named on filling over one bed and furniture one cow and pig also a patent piece on the creek side on my small swamp bounded by the big run of Maxwell swamp & land on the line at Travells ford.

Next I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanna Carr my negro girl named my daughter of old nanny with his part of a day at the kitchen as I chose affirm or also one cow and calf when she departs the family to be sold from the stock the value of one cow and pig one bed and furniture.

Next I give and bequeath to my own John Carr et al part of my island field comprised in from the cross ditch to Jacobs line and as it goes to the swamp then down the big run to Charles line and to his corner then along Richard Charles line to the flat old field corner thence the line Carr sold to one to the dividing line thence thence that line to the first also the old mare cost one cow and calf if to open as above one bed and furniture one cow and pig as of one and

lastly. I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend John McLean my own James Carr to this my last will and testament and do hereby thence and by their presents empower them as in the execution of this my last will and testament to act as they shall think most proper and to the most advantage in their afore mentioned affairs. In witness whereof I have at my hand and seal day and date above written. Signed sealed witnessed & attorned in presence of us.

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John Carr
James Carr
Jacob Carr.

John Carr

In the name of God Amen, I Alexander Dickson of the County of Duplin, being infirm in body, but of sound and perfect memory thus be God, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say.

Alexander Dickson. I Emprer my Will is, and so I direct, that all my just debts, and funeral expenses be first paid out of my estate by my Executors hereinafter named.

It is my will and desire that all my lands, be sold at Public Auction by my Executors, for the highest price that may be got, in the following manner, that is to say, The Manor Plantation, containing 300 acres bought of Joseph Dickson deceased. The 213 acres adjacent the Manor Plantation, bought of Joseph Dickson and William Rieby, and 113 Acres adjoining the same, bought of Austin Brady, and 4 1/4 acres adjoining that, where the dead tree is, bought of Thomas Magin, and 86 acres between his own and Joseph Bray lines, bought of said Bray, containing in the whole 716 1/4 acres, which said parcels of land, as above described, is to be sold all in one lot, Also 150 acres on the West side of Maxwell Swamp, on the head of Jimmies Branch bought of Abner Hudgin, that to be sold in one lot, Also 50 acres on the South side of the head of Jimmies Branch, bought of Robert Dickson deceased, Also 50 Acres adjoining the same, at the east end joining John Mc Gowan line, Patented by myself, the two above mentioned pieces, of Land to be sold in one lot, also 300 acres on the north side, below the crop roads and on both sides of the main road, adjoining and between Gabriel H James, Robert Dickson and John Hamlin lines to be sold in one lot, Patented by myself.

Item. I leave and bequeath to my Nephew John Dickson (son of my brother Robert Dickson of Currituck County, B. Virginia Ferry) my young Negro child named Amy and her increase to him and his heirs.

Item. I leave and bequeath to my Nephew Joseph