

Will of Hugh Lee

In the name of God Amen I Hugh Lee of Johnston County State of North Carolina being in sound health both of body and mind but aware of the uncertainty of human life and the importance of making suitable arrangement of my affairs in the disposition of such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to commit to my charge do hereby make and publish this my last will & testament the first

I desire and direct that my body be decently interred according to my estate in life as my beloved wife may direct and that my funeral expenses be paid out of the first moneys that may come into the hands of my executor from my estate.

the second After the payment of my just debts, I do give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha all my estate real as well as personal all notes bonds and debts of any and every (description) kind which may be due and owing at the time of my decease to have and to hold the same to her and her heirs and executors, administrators or assigns together with all the rents profits and increase of the same nevertheless in trust for the purpose hereinafter recited and set forth (to wit)

That the said Martha shall have hold and enjoy the said property together with all the rents profits and increase of the same to her own use and benefit so long as she may live being responsible to me one for the profits and benefits that may accrue to her from the said estate

Upon the death of my beloved wife Martha my executor shall proceed according to the act of assembly providing for the distribution of estates that is to say by and order of court for commissioners to divide estate to divide and set over to each of my children the entire estate real and personal with all the increase thereof the negro slave of which I may die seized and possessed in the manner following (to wit) Marshall set over and assign to each of my sons John William and Addison Green an equal portion of my real estate in such lots as the commissioners appointed for that purpose may think just and equal also and equal portion of the slaves and their increase of which I may die possessed and equal portion of all such other perishable property and personal estate as may remain upon the death of my wife Martha after deducting the sum of fifty dollars and I do hereby direct my executor to pay over that sum to my daughter Caroline Calvert which I do give and bequeath to her after the death of her mother my wife Martha, being a just return for her dutiful and affectionate regard for her parents

As I have no disposition to restrain my beloved wife after my death from entering into the bonds of matrimony I do hereby provide that should she be disposed to marry after my death she shall be allowed to take of my estate such portion as she would be entitled to were I to die intestate to her and her heirs forever And in the event of my wife Martha so marrying the residue of my estate after the taking away of that portion to which my wife would be entitled according to the laws regulating the estates of those who die intestate my executor shall divide between my two sons John William and Addison Green in equal parts immediately on such marriage in the manner the laws direct except so much as may be sufficient to pay to my daughter Caroline the sum of fifty dollars.

I do hereby further provide that should either of my sons John William or Addison Green die before he arrives at the age of twenty one years the survivor shall take the estate which both would be entitled to have under this will and testament.

I do hereby appoint my worthy friend Thomas T. Grace the executor of this my last will and testament written on two sheets of paper

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of June 1843.

Witness
Matthew T. Pullen
Bennet T. Blake

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May Term 1844. Then was the above will duly proven in open court and ordered to be recorded.
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