

Will of Lewis Lee

In the name of God Amen, I Lewis Lee of the County of Johnston and the State of North Carolina being weak of body but of sound and perfect memory Pleased be God, at this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord 1827 make publick and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following (To wit)

First I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent christian burial at the discretion of my executors hereafter to be appointed

Item I lend to my beloved wife Phoeby Lee three hundred and fifty nine acres of land including the plantation whereon I now live I also lend to my wife four negroes namely Molly, Solomon, Sam and Frank, I also lend to my wife all my corn blade fodder, bacon, lard, soap, thirteen head of sheep her choice out of my flock four cows and cows two heifer yearlings all my stock of hogs one bay mare, one chair and harness three feather beds and furniture and steds, one chest two wollen wheels one flax wheel half doz cups and saucers half doz earthen plates one dressing glass all my knives and forks one dutch oven two pots her choice one iron stove and harness all my pewter one horse cart ten head of geese all the balance of my fowls all my leather now tanning one flax stock four cutters plows one set of plow gear all my salt one meal tub her choice two washing tubs two pails one piggin one jug and molasses one pair of smoothing irons twenty five pounds of wool in the dist two weeding hoes two axes one grubbing hoe all my clean cotton one table and tablecloth three bee hives and their increase two pair of cards all my seed peas one gun and what price is therein one hand saw and one drawing knife one bible all my crop now growing seven sitting chairs her choice four glass tumblers all the above property enumerated in this.

Item I lend to my wife during her natural life or widowhood.

Item It is my will that the death or widowhood all the above property be sold by my executors at publick vendue and the moneys arising therefrom to be equally divided between my five children namely Alexander J. Lee, William B. Lee, Elizabeth C. Lee, Jenny Ann F. Lee and Mary B. Lee to them and their heirs forever.

Item I leave to be sold my lands lying on Black Baingo dudd to one by Frederick Bunn to the highest bidder on a credit

of twelve months and it is my will that the residue of my property not enumerated above except as heretofore expected be sold to the highest bidder on a credit and the debts due or owing me collected and out of the monies arising therefrom all my just debts paid and the balance if any to be equally divided between my children above named to them and their heirs forever.

Item I lend to my wife my negro man named Balam until the first day of January next ~~then~~ after which time to be hired out but in the event of the price of negroes rising so as to induce my executors to believe it be and advantage to dispose of said negro Balam it is my desire that they sell him in such manner as they think proper and the moneys arising therefrom to be equally divided between my children above named to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath all the monies I have in hand consisting of specie and bank notes and my pocket book to her and her heirs forever.

Item I lend to my wife Phoeby Lee two iron pot racks during her life or widowhood.

Item It is my will and desire that my children above named to have a sufficient education that is if they can be made to take it and the provision to be made for that purpose by my executors out of the monies above stated to be equally divided between them and I also desire my children to stay with mother untill they become of age or untill they marry.

Item I also desire if my wife Phoeby Lee departs this life before my children become of age & marries that my three daughters Elizabeth C. Lee, Jenny Ann F. Lee and Mary Benton Lee live with Elizabeth Carr wife of Everett Carr, and my two sons Alexander J. Lee and William B. Lee to live with my executors and I do hereby constitute and appoint my two friends Nathan P. Allen and James H. Allen as executors of this my last will and testament.

Lewis Lee (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who who were present at the sealing of the same.

John Lee Jr
James Johnson

Witness my hand and seal of office this 9th day of March 1827
J. P. Sanders
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