

Will of Samuel Lee Sr

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Lee Sr of the State of North Carolina and Johnston County being old and weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do the same do this 20 day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight make public ratify establish and ordain this and no other my last will and testament in manner and form following (wiz)

Item First will is that all my just debts be justly satisfied and paid

Item I give and devise unto my son James Lee one negro man named Dennis one feather bed and furniture one cofat, one sheet, one crosscut saw to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item It is my will and devise that my negro woman Labitha shall be free from the service of any person as a slave and that my son James Lee shall see that she is not abused by any person after my death.

Item It is my will and devise that my executor sell one negro woman named Celacy and two negro children named Dousilla and Henry as he shall think proper to some person that shall use them well and four hundred dollars of the value of said negroes to be equally divided between the heirs of my daughter Keisiah Lee deceased who are lawfully begotten of her body if the said negroes will not sell for the above sum of four hundred dollars I wish them to have what they will sell for if they sell for more I wish the money over the above sum of four hundred dollars to be equally divided between my two sons Samuel Lee and James Lee.

Item I do give and devise unto my ^{grand}son Samuel Washington Lee one negro man named Collins during the natural life of my son Samuel Lee and after his death to be equally divided between his lawful heirs to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I do give and devise unto my son James Lee and the lawful heirs of my son Samuel Lee one negro man named Handy one half to my son James and the other to the heirs of my son Samuel to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I do give and devise unto my grand daughter Elizabeth Jane Lee one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I do give and devise unto my grandson Samuel Washington Lee one feather bed and furniture also one cow and calf and two heifers with their increase to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I do give and devise unto my grandson David George Lee one heifer with her increase to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item My three children to wit my daughter Winnifred deed and her heirs my son William and my daughter Nancy I have given and disposed of as much or more of my estate to them and their heirs by bills and deeds of sale and deeds of gift &c as I have to leave to these I have named in this my last will and testament.

Item I do give and devise unto my two sons Samuel and James Lee all the ballance of my estate after paying off all of my just debts to them their heirs and assigns forever and I do hereby make constitute and appoint and establish and ordain my son James Lee executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day & date above written. Signed sealed published & declared by the said Samuel Lee Sr the testator as his last will and testament in the

presence of us
Nicholas Rose
William Lee Jr
Mark

Samuel^{tho} Lee (Seal)
Mark

State of North Carolina } February Term 1831
Johnston County } Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of Nicholas Rose and ordered to be recorded
B. Sanders Clk