

Will of Stephen Lee

In the name of God Amen I Stephen Lee of Johnston Co. and State of North Carolina being in a feeble state of health but of sound and disposing mind and memory blessed be God, do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following (to wit)

First Of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent christian like manner at the discretion of my surviving friends.

Item It is my will that my just debts all be paid and after paying off my debt I devise the following property as follows

Item I give and bequeath to my daughters Nancy Lee, Winnifred Lee, Kiziah Lee and Elizabeth Lee five hundred and ten acres of land adjoining the lands of Nicholas Lee, Edward Lee and Henry Lee to be equally divided amongst them all

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Lee one horsefat-
 Item After leaving 1 dish 1 basin & 1/2 doz pewter plates to my son Littleton Lee. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughters Nancy Lee, Winnifred Lee Kiziah Lee and Elizabeth Lee all the rest of my pewter ware.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Lee, William Lee & Littleton Lee and my daughters Nancy Lee Kiziah Lee & Elizabeth Lee one cow and all the rest of the farming utensils to be made use of among them as heretofore.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Littleton Lee 1 mare and the colt if it comes to live three choice cows and calves one tract of land containing 250 acres adjoining the lands of Henry Lee & Dr. W. Sneed one tract known by the name of the Board Lee place after taking of a certain parcel to my son William Lee to commence at Hardy Lee corner at a black jack and to run a north course to my line also. I give to my son Littleton Lee my negro man Isaac after my said son Littleton Lee becomes to the age of thirty years I give to him ten head of sheep one dish 1 basin 1/2 doz plates &c

Item I give to all the rest of my children ten head of sheep to each one of them the ballance of my sheep (if any) to be equally divided amongst my children

Item I give all the remaining stock of cattle to be equally divided amongst all the ballance of my children

Item I give to my son Littleton Lee the shot gun

Item I give to my son William Lee one musket

Item I give to my wife Edith ten dollars in cash

Item I give to my son Littleton Lee one bed and furniture
 Item I give to my daughter Nancy Lee one bed and furniture
 Item I give to my daughter Winnifred Lee one bed and furniture
 Item I give to my daughter Kiziah Lee one bed and furniture
 Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Lee one bed and furniture
 Item I give to my son Littleton Lee my best riding saddle & bridle and one large chest
 Item I give to my son William Lee one case and bottles
 Item I give to my son Samuel Lee one large jug and sythe
 Item I give to my daughter Nancy Lee one tub and gear
 Item I give to my son Samuel Lee one bed and furniture
 Item I give to my son William Lee one bed and furniture
 Item I give to my family that remains at my place of residence all the kitchen furniture
 Item I leave sixty dollars in cash to buy a horse for the family remaining at my place of residence whenever he is needed
 Item It is my will that the aforesaid negro man Isaac to remain with the family at my place of residence until my son Littleton becomes to the age aforesaid mentioned
 Item It is my will that all of the residue of my property which is not divided in the foregoing items be sold on a credit of six months by my executor hereafter to be appointed and the moneys arising from the sale of the same to be equally divided amongst surviving children after paying out by my executor the sum of money to each one named in the foregoing items out of the sales of my profits and I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Samuel Lee and William Lee as my executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of June A.D. 1840. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Stephen Lee as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the sealing of the same
 Stephen X Lee Seal
 William R. Lee
 Benjamin Walton
 Henry Lee

The August Term 1840. Then was the foregoing last will and testament of Stephen Lee duly attested to probate and ordered to be recorded