

Will of William R. Lee
State of North Carolina Johnston County. I William R.
Lee being of sound mind and disposing memory do
make and declare this to be my last will and testament
first of all I desire that my body be buried in a
decent-christian like manner.

I desire that all my just debts be paid and after
paying all my just debts if any left I make the following
disposition of my property to wit-

I give to my brother Alexander I. Lee my horse bridle saddle
blanket & martingale, my bedstead & mattress & furniture and all
my glass and crockery and tin ware my cow and calf my fire
shovel and tongs all my interest in two negroes, slaves
Fred, and Henry, Henry is to work his time out with
Nicholas Lee. Now in consideration of having given him all
my interest in said negroes he is hereby required as long
as he holds said negroes, to hire a suitable negro woman to
cook for my sister Elizabeth C. Adams to wait on her and
help do her business.

I give to my half brother Rufus Allen my watch all of my
books my cloth coat, my new cloth coat my leather trunk
my money purse and pencil.

All of my wearing apparel not disposed of to be divided
between my brothers Alexander I. Lee and Rufus Allen.

It is my request that my executor hereafter to be named
sell my negro woman Rebecca and child on a credit of six
months to be sold at the court-house, the money arising
from the sale of said negroes to be equally divided between
my own brothers and sisters.

I give to Mrs Polly Luead my rocking chair.

The residue of any estate if any to be equally divided among
my own brothers and sisters.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Thomas
Bagley my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to
execute this my last will and testament according to the
true intent and meaning of the same and every part and
clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all
other wills and testament by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said William R. Lee do hereunto set
my hand and seal this 26th of January 1848

William R. Lee

Do. Lee to be his last will and testament in presence of us
who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each
other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

John C. Hood,
James H. Adams

Johnston County Court-

February Term 1848

Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open
court by the oaths of John C. Hood, one of the subscribing
witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Thomas Bagley Clerk

Signed sealed published and declared by the said William