

I John L. Lofton of County of Jones and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of any earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that to say first that my Executor herein after named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and pay all funeral expenses to gether with my Just debts howsoever and whomsoever owing out of the moneys that first come into his hands as apart or parcel of my estate Item first I give and devise to Simon J. Becton and Negro woman named Nancy & Child John and their further increase and note on Persimmon Cox William Cox and John Lofton of five hundred & seventy five dollars & my horse Item I give to my Brother Jos. S. Lofton the following Negroes to wit London, Gommie, Leah, and her Childen Dinah & Olyas & their further increase Provided he arrives at the age of twenty one and if he does not arrive to that age the above named property is to be placed in common stock and divided equally share and share alike between my sister Penelope Olivers Childen and my sister Mary C. Becton Childen and if there then should not be enough property to pay my Just debts it shall come out the part to Jos. S. Lofton's Part

Item I give & devise to Elizabeth Grace and her furniture that is in her possession at this time

Item I give & devise to Priscilla Rhem my old Cow & yearling

Item I give & devise to Joseph B. Becton my young Cow & Calf

Item give to Edwin B. Becton my shot Gun

Item I give & devise the residue if any of Property Equally between John A. Becton Joseph Becton & Joseph J. Oliver

Item Last I make & constitute my friend Simon J. Becton my sole & sole Executor to this my last will & Testament this 28th of August 1844

Witnesses Public and

attained by the said John L. Lofton
his last will & Testament in the of

John L. Lofton (Seal)

Wm B. Becton

Wile C. Cox

North Carolina, County of Pleas and Quarter Sessions September Term A.D. 1844
Jones County } In Open Court there was the execution of the last Will and Testament of John L. Lofton and proved in due form of Law by the Oaths of William B. Becton and William C. Cox the subscribing Witnesses Charles and then upon Simon J. Becton the Executor therein named was Qualificed as Executor of the last will and Testament of the said John L. Lofton and also the said last Will and Testament was Ordered to be Registered

Wm B. Becton, Secy