

I Lewis Lane of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina, planter being in an infirm state of health, but of sound mind and memory, and sensible of the uncertainty of life, do make this as my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following (Viz)

I lend unto my beloved Wife Nancy Lane, during her natural life or widowhood (and as long as she may live) the Manor plantation wherein I now live, given to me by my father (excepting the four part cleared adjoining the plantation I purchased of Capt John Koorne). —

Item I give unto my beloved Wife Nancy Lane, my Negro man Linnson, and his Wife Amy, One Negro woman called Phillis and her children Adick, Betty, Moses, Amy and Levin, also a Negro boy Bob, with the increase of the females, to her and her Heirs forever. I also give my Wife, my old Horse Sweeper, and one other horse and Two Mules, all of her choice of my stock. Six cows and calves, one yoke of Oxen, Twenty head of sheep and Ten sows and pigs all of her choice of my stock, also one Horse Cart and one Ox Cart, my double Chair, Saddle, and Harrow, also two Beds and furniture (her choice) also all my House hold and Kitchen furniture including all my ^{Plate}, also all the Wood and of Oak that may be on hand, and as much Cotton as she may want, also all or as much of my farming utensils, Loom and Loom gear, and Wheels, as she may want, and all my Stock of Goods of every description, to her and her Heirs and assigns forever. — I also give my beloved Wife Nancy Lane, for a years support of herself and family, Forty head of Fat Hogs, or of any thousand weight of Pork, One hundred Barrels corn, Six barrels flour, Six staves Blade fodder, and Six staves Tye fodder, also One Hundred dollars in money, for the purpose above mentioned. — I also lend my beloved Wife Nancy, all the rest of my beds and furniture to be divided among my Children as she may think proper.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Lewis B. Lane all the Lands and improvements thereon, that I purchased of Mrs Whitfield, being the Land that formerly belonged to William Bryan on both sides of Trent River, also one negro boy George now in his possession. The Horse, saddle, and bridle, Saddle and Harrow, in his possession, also all the medicines, Books, surgical instruments and shop furniture that I purchased for him of Doctor Hodge. To him, his Heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Nathan B. Lane, all the Lands I purchased of Whitfield Bryan on both sides of Trent River, also one negro boy Hardy and my slave Watch, to him, his Heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son James Alexander Lane, all my Lands on Chingapin Creek (excepting the Lands I bought of Capt John Koorne, and subject to the loan made my Wife, also one negro boy ~~George~~ (child of Nancy) to him, his Heirs and assigns forever. Done and

Item. My Will and desire is, that the Land I bought of Captain John Horner, should be sold if necessary, and applied to the Education of my two sons, Nathan and James, the balance of which sale, to be equally divided when James comes of age. My desire further is that the rents of said Land before sold, should be applied to the benefit of James. But should the Guardian of my said sons, find it unnecessary to sell the Land above mentioned for their Education; then my Will is that said Land be sold when James comes of age and the money arising from the sale, be equally divided between Nathan and James; And I hereby vest in my Executors or the Guardian of my said sons, full power and authority, to sell and give deed for said Land as above mentioned.

Item. My Will and desire further is, that if either of my sons, Leven B. Lane or Nathan B. Lane, should die under age, and without lawful issue, the Land given to them should go to the survivor of them and further, if both Leven and Nathan should die under age and without lawful issue, then the Land given to both be sold, and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided ^{between} among all my Children or their heirs or assigns forever.

Item. My Will and desire further is, that if my son James Alexander Lane should die under age and without lawful issue, the Land given him to be equally divided between my two sons Leven B. Lane and Nathan B. Lane should they both be living at the death of James. But should either Leven or Nathan be dead at the time of James's death, then my Will is, that the Land given James be sold, and the money arising from such sale, be equally divided between all my Children or their heirs.

Item. I give to Doctor Alexander Hodge the negro in his possession, intended for my daughter Winifred and his wife (Cath) Sam and wife Mary and four children Peggy, Kate, Grace and Primus, to him and his heirs and assigns &c.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughters, Nancy, Polly, and Leah Margaret all the residue of my negroes not herein before given, to be equally divided between them as they may come of age or marry. But should either of my said daughters, under age or without issue, then her share of said negroes to be equally divided between my daughter Winifred or her heirs, and the surviving two daughters or their heirs, share and share alike.

Item. My Will and desire further is, that all the residue of my Estate not herein mentioned, be sold in the usual manner, and the money arising from such sale, together with what notes, accounts, and money I may have, after settling all just debts against me, be equally divided between all my Children or their heirs, &c. share and share alike. —

Lastly, I nominate and appoint my brother Gabriel Lane, my son Leven B. Lane and James R. Hogan, Executors to this my last will and Testament revoking all others heretofore by me made and reserving unto conforming this as my last. In Witness whereof I the said Leven Lane have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3^d day of August A.D. 1824

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in presence of
Wm B. Hallett
J. H. H. H.

Leven Lane Seal

Then was the within and foregoing last Will and Testament of Sever Lane duly proved in due form of Law by the oath of William B. Holte and Robert Kerrigan the subscribing witnesses thereto. Let it be recorded.

At the same time Sever & Lane are of the Executors therein named, qualified as such executors to Law. Ordered that Letters Testamentary issue accordingly.

attest Robert Kerrigan C. C.

A True Copy from the original

attest Robert Kerrigan C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I John Poler of the State of North Carolina, and County of Jones, being well stricken in years, though in perfect health, and in sound mind and memory, knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do therefore make and ordain this my last will and Testament, this 20th day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty two. I recommend my soul to Almighty God that first gave it; my Body to the Earth, to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors here after to be named. And as touching what worldly estate as it has been pleased God to bless me with in this life, which I am now possessed with I leave and dispose of the same in manner and form following, (To Wit)

- Item 1st. I give to my son John Poler, five dollars, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 2nd. I give to my son Nathan Poler five dollars, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 3rd. I give to the heirs of my son William Poler five dollars to them, their heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 4th. I give to my Grand son Frederick, I do give five dollars, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 5th. I give to my Grand son Samuel Cox, five dollars, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 6th. I give to my Grand Daughter Catherine Bryan, five dollars, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 7th. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Polly Poler, four negroes, named, Daniel, Lang, Wainwright and Rachel, One Bedstead, Bed and furniture, and one Chest, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 8th. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Huldah Sutton, four negroes named, Venus, Jordan, Chelly & Emmy, One Bedstead, Bed and furniture and one Chest, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 9th. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Harriet Poler four negroes named, Abel, Benah, Deedar, and Abigail, and one Bedstead Bed and furniture, and one Chest, to her her heirs and assigns forever.

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