

New Hanover, County 3 County Court. May Term 1819.
 The execution of the within Will of Thomas
 Larkins was proved in open Court by the oath of Samuel Larkins sub-
 scribing witness and ordered to be filed; at the same time W^m Larkins
 Jr, qualified as Executor, thereof.

Witness

Thos H Davis. Clk.

In the name of God Amen. I, James Larkins of
 the State of North Carolina and County of New Hanover, do this
 fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight
 hundred and twenty two, make my last Will and Testament, in
 manner, and form as follows, to-wit,

To the children of my son William Jones Larkins, I do hereby bequeath
 a negro man named Duff, but son William to have the use of said
 negro during his own life.

To my son James Larkins I give a negro man named Jack,

To my son Samuel Jones Larkins I give a negro man named Atto.

To the children of my daughter Margaret Beane, I give a negro man
 called Handy. It is my will that the value of the above negroes
 should be deducted out of their shares at the division of my estate.

I give to my grandson James L Parish a negro man named
 Jim, as his full share of my estate.

I give to my grand daughter, Margaret Eliza Hawes, a negro girl
 named Betty, as her full share of my estate, but in case the said
 M E Hawes should die before she is fifteen years old, the said negro
 Betty is to return to my heirs.

To my son Samuel Jones Larkins, I give four hundred acres of land
 lying on Riley's creek, patented by James and Benjamin Larkins.
 Also one hundred and sixty acres of land joining the above paten-
 ted by me; the last mentioned piece of land begins on the east side
 of Riley's creek, on the bank, of the creek, on the line of the first mentioned
 piece.

I give to my son John R Larkins the house and plantation where
 I now live containing four hundred and twenty acres patented
 by John Holders and purchased from David Sumner and John
 Devane. Also one hundred and ninety five acres joining the same
 and the land of Thomas Williams dec^d.

It is my will that my son John Robert should have the privilege
 of cutting necessary ditches through the lands that I have given to my son
 Samuel J Larkins.

I also give to my son John Robert a negro boy named Duff, and an equal
 share with the rest of my heirs. My desire is that my Executors should
 put said negro boy to the blacksmiths trade. I also request my Executors

to keep John Robert at school for three years and the charges to be paid from my estate. I also desire that the house should be mended, covered and kept in repair, until the division of my estate at the expense of John Robert.

I give to my daughter, Margaret I want two hundred acres of land joining my land and the land of Joshua Penny, also one hundred acres joining the same and the land of H. Lewis.

I give to my son Thomas Larkins, seven hundred and twenty acres of land, lying on the south side of the N. River and Long Creek, purchased from J. Davis and Hanson Kelly, and known by the name of the horse pen land. I also give to my son Thomas a negro boy named Norris, and an equal division with the rest of my heirs. It is my wish that my sons Thomas and John Robert should take possession of their lands when they attain their eighteenth year, but not have power to dispose of them before they are twenty three years old. I give to my daughters Ann and Sophia Larkins four hundred and twenty acres of land on the south side of Long Creek, joining the lands of H. Taylor and J. Walker.

I give to my daughter, Lucy Jane Larkins, one hundred and twenty five acres of land on Hilby Swamp joining the lands of Browns and Robitzsch; also part of a lot in the town of Wilmington, lying near the horse pond.

I also give to each of my daughters Ann, Sophia and Lucy, Jane a feather bed, and an equal division with the rest of heirs.

It is my will that my Executors should sell all my perishable property as soon as practicable, after my death, on a credit of twelve months. Likewise hire out the negroes, and rent out the land. It is also my wish that they should continue to hire out the above property for the term of five years from this date, at which time a division is to take place and not before.

To make my will better understood I request that at the expiration of five years, my estate should be divided agreeably to this will, among my children as follows, William Jones Larkins, Margaret Jones Larkins, Samuel Jones Larkins, Thomas Larkins, John R. Larkins, Ann Larkins, Sophia Larkins and Lucy Jane Larkins.

It is my will that my daughters Ann, Sophia and Lucy, Jane should have one half of my dwelling house until a division takes place, and a negro girl to attend them, that is provided they think proper to remain in the house.

I do further request my Executors to be very particular in taking security at the sale of my estate, and likewise to attend to my negroes being treated well.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friends John Colvin and George Samuel Esqrs, likewise my sons William & Larkins,

James Larkins and Samuel J Larkins, to execute this my last Will and Testament,

I do hereby acknowledge this to be my last Will and Testament, in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year above written,

Signed, sealed and published by the Testator this his last Will and Testament in presence of us the day and year first above written

James Larkins Sr (Seal)

Wm McAllister,
Francis Lewis

The last Will and Testament of James Larkins proved by John McAllister, and Francis Lewis subscribing witnesses at November Term 1822, and ordered to be filed; at the same time John Colvin and Samuel J Larkins qualified as Executors thereof

Witness

Thos H Davis. Cky

In the name of God Amen. I Rachel Loftin of the State of North Carolina New Hanover County, being through the abundant mercy and goodness of God, though weak in body, yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory, do constitute this my last Will and Testament, and desire it to be received by all as such.

I give and bequeath to my dear and loving husband Lewis Loftin, a negro woman named Nan and all her increase, it being the negroes that my father left and, which negroes I give and bequeath to my beloved husband, and to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 22nd of October, 1825

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Rachel x Loftin
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Witness
H R Hoy
Wm McAllister
Robert B Nixon

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County }

County Court

December Term 1825

The within Will of Rachel Loftin was exhibited in open Court and proved by Robert B. Nixon one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

Witness

Thos H Davis. Cky