

State of North Carolina  
County of Hunstancor

In the name of God Amen:

I Lewis Lane of the County of Hunstancor in the State of North Carolina, being in good health & of sound and disposing mind, & memory and desirous of settling earthly affairs whilst I have such capacity as is necessary for so important a matter, do make publish and declare this paper writing as and for my last will and testament

first, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Lane the one half of all the Negroes of which I shall die seized and possessed, the said Negroes to be selected by my said wife in formalities according to her own will and pleasure.

I also give & bequeath to my beloved wife all my house hold and Kitchen furniture my pair of Horses, Carriage & harness; And also all bonds and notes due me at the time of my demise, to her & to hold the same to her and her executors forever.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Will Lane after deducting the one half of the Negroes herein before given to my beloved wife Margaret the one fifth of all the ~~balance~~ Negroes of which I shall die seized and possessed to have and to hold the same for and during the term of his natural life, and upon his death there to his Children their Executors & Administrators forever.

I also give to my son Thomas Will Lane the one half of all the Shares of the Wilmington & Heldon Rail Road Company of which I shall die seized and possessed.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my son William Walter Lane one fifth of all the Negroes of which I shall die seized & possessed after deducting one half of the Negroes as here before stated as bequeathed to my beloved wife Margaret and also the remaining one half of the Shares of Stock of the Wilmington & Heldon Rail Road Company to have and to hold the same to him his Executors & Administrators forever.

Fourthly, I give and devise to my daughter Margaret Walker after deducting as aforesaid the one half of the Negroes here before given to my beloved wife Margaret the one sixth of all the Negroes of which I shall die seized and possessed, to have and to hold the same during her Natural life and upon her death there to her Children their Executors & Administrators forever.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto my grand Children the Children of my deceased daughter Polly as Augusta Susan & Virginia all the rest residue and remainder of my Negroes to be equally divided between them.

Share and Share alike to have and to hold to them their  
 Executors and Administrators forever  
 Sixthly. It is my will that my Plantation be sold by my Executors  
 hereinafter to be named and the proceeds of the sale thereof  
 be invested for the benefit of my beloved wife Margaret, du-  
 ring her life and upon her death that the said proceeds  
 be divided equally between my Children Thomas, Walter  
 Margaret and the Children of my deceased daughters  
 Eliza, Augusta Susan and Virginia Shore and  
 Share alike.

Seventhly. It is my will and I hereby direct that in the liquida-  
 -tion and discharge of my liabilities and debts that the  
 -Profit & profits of the Land and Stock and farming uten-  
 -sils shall be first sold and the proceeds thereof applied to  
 their extinguishment and satisfaction for that purpose  
 then and in that event my executors are required to sell  
 such of my negroes as in their judgment shall appear  
 to them most fit as are herebefore bequeathed to my be-  
 -loved wife Margaret & to my Children and Grand Children  
 and that a division of my said negroes as mentioned in  
 the succeeding items of my will is not to be made until  
 the whole of the debts for which my estate is liable, is  
 fully paid off and discharged; and that if any of the said  
 -Negroes shall be sold for the payment and satisfac-  
 -tion of my debts according to this provision of my will then  
 the same division is to be had of those negroes that re-  
 -main unsold in the same way and in the same manner  
 as herebefore stated as if none of the said negroes had  
 been sold.

Lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my two  
 Sons Thomas and Lane & William Walter Lane Executors  
 of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof  
 I have hereunto this the fourth day of July in the year  
 one thousand eight hundred fifty nine  
 to this my last will and Testament contained on this  
 and the preceding pages Subscribed my  
 Name and affixed my seal

L. Lane Seal

Signed Sealed published and declared  
 by the above Sirin Lane as and  
 for his last will and testament in  
 our presence who at his request  
 and in his presence and in the  
 presence of each other have  
 subscribed our names as witnesses  
 Thereto

Wm B Meares  
 L D Cherry

I Levin Lane of this County & State aforesaid, do hereby make publish and declare the following to be a codicil to my last Will & Testament, to wit, that whereas I purchased during the present year of William J. Anderson of Fayetteville a house and lot of land containing some twelve acres, Now therefore, I hereby devise unto my wife Margaret M. Lane said house and lot situated in Cumberland County North of Fayetteville west of the Plank Road as will more fully appear by reference to the deed of said Anderson to me to her & her heirs forever.

In testimony whereof, I do herewith subscribe my name and affixed my seal this 13 May 1863.

Witness  
J. H. Houghton 3  
Thomas Hill 3

L Lane (Seal)

State of North Carolina  
Knox County Court Sept Term 1863

This paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Levin Lane is exhibited in open Court by Thomas H. Lane one of the executors therein named, and was proved by the oath of W. B. Meares and L. D. Cherry both the subscribing witnesses thereto, also the Codicil to said will was proved by the oath of John H. Houghton one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the Court do therefore say the said will with Codicil is the last will & Testament and the Codicil thereto - Annexed is a Codicil thereto, and sufficient to convey the bequests therein made.

At the same time Thomas H. Lane one of the Executors therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified as such, Let the will with the Codicil and this certificate of probate be registered.

Test Saml W. Rounting Clerk