

April Term 1785

The within last will and Testament of the late Jonathan Ambibin was exhibited in Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of Bergen Hoff. At same time H Toomey, Alexr Hostler, and James Walke, Executors therein named qualified agreeable to law.

Thos: McClaine. Clk

North Carolina Let.

In the name of God Amen
I, Lewis Henry DeKopet of New Hanover County, being in good health and perfect memory (blessed be God for the same) do this twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five, make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it to me, and my body, to the earth from whence it came, in hopes of a joyfull resurrection from the dead, through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ; and as for that worldly estate whereunto it hath pleased God to bless me, I dispose thereof as follows -

First I will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid as soon as possible.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Margaret DeKopet, all my household goods, rings and furniture (except the family pictures) to be disposed of by her as she thinks proper.
Item. I will that my loving wife Margaret DeKopet have the use of all my plate and family pictures during her natural life, and at her decease I give and bequeath unto my nephew Aaron John DeKopet, the family pictures, and in case of his death before he attains the age of twenty one years, I give and bequeath the same unto my niece Magdalene Margaret Walke, wife of James Walke; and at the decease of my said wife I give and bequeath unto James Walke, all the plate given unto me by Mrs. Elizabeth Catharine DeKopet; and the remainder of my plate, my wife may dispose of as she thinks proper.
Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Margaret DeKopet during her natural life, the use and labour of all my slaves the interest of money due to me, the use and benefit of all my horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, and the whole profits of my estate real and personal of every kind. And at her death I give and bequeath my whole estate real and personal in the following manner: One half to be divided between my nephew Aaron and

DeKopet, my niece Magdalene Mary DeKopet, and my nephew
John Armand Dubois, in the following proportions, that is to say,
one half of the said half to my said nephew John Armand Dubois,
one quarter to my niece Magdalene Margaret DeKopet, and the
other quarter, to my said nephew John Armand Dubois; and
in case my said nephew John Armand Dubois should die
before he attains the age of twenty one years, then his proportion
of my estate real and personal, shall be equally divided be-
tween my niece Magdalene Mary DeKopet and my nephew
John Armand Dubois share and share alike; and in case
my niece Magdalene Mary DeKopet should die before she mar-
ries or attains the age of twenty one years, then her share and pro-
portion of my estate real and personal shall be equally divided
between my nephew John Armand Dubois and John Armand
Dubois, share and share alike; but if it should so happen that
my said nephew John Armand Dubois should die before he
attains the age of twenty one years, and my niece Magdalene
Mary DeKopet should also die before she marries or attains the
age of twenty one years, then I give and bequeath all their
proportion or parts of my estate real and personal as before
mentioned unto my aforesaid nephew John Armand Dubois.
The other half of my estate real and personal I give and bequeath
unto my loving wife Margaret DeKopet, to dispose of as she may
think proper, either by deed or other instrument of writing or by
her last will and Testament; but I earnestly request of her, at
her decease to give one half of the said half of my estate real
and personal left in her power, to dispose of, unto her brother
James Walker, for whom I have a great regard and affection.
But in case my said wife Margaret DeKopet should die without
having made any conveyance of the said half of my estate, either
by deed or other instrument of writing, or without leaving a will
behind her, I do and in such case give and bequeath unto her
brother James Walker, one half of the said half of my estate. And
I do give and bequeath unto her Anne Duince sister to my
said wife, one quarter of the said half of my estate. And I do
give and bequeath unto the children of John Walker deceased the
brother of my said wife, the other quarter of the said half of my
estate, reserving the use and profits of the said half of my estate
for the benefit and advantage of Mrs. Ann Walker, mother to my
said wife, in case she should survive my wife and be in any necessity,
to render her life comfortable to her in her old age.
I give and bequeath unto my mulattoe slave Jack, his
freedom and freedom at the decease of my wife, as a reward
for his constant, diligent, and faithful services in all cases,
and I hereby authorize and empower my Executors & Executrices

hereafter, named, to lay out any monies, effects, goods or chattels I may die possessed of, in making purchases for the better, improvement of my estate, and the more plentiful support for my wife in such manner, as they may judge most proper for those purposes. Lastly. I do make, constitute and ordain my loving wife Margaret DeKopet Executrix, my friend James Walker, and my nephews Armand and John DeKopet and John Armand Dubois Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year, above written signed, sealed, published and declared, by the said Lewis Henry DeKopet, as and for his last Will and testament, in the presence of us whose names are here underwritten, who did each of us, subscribe our names as witnesses at his request and in his presence in the room where he then was —

Lewis H DeKopet *(Seal)*

Erasmus Hanson
Henry Toomey
Sam Campbell

New Hanover County }
July Term 1786

The within last Will and Testament of the late L H DeKopet esq. was exhibited in Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of Henry Toomey, a subscribing witness thereto —

Thos. McClaine. Ck.

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County } To wit —

Before me John Huske esq. one of the Justices of the peace for the said county personally appeared James Walker, Armand and John DeKopet, and John Armand Dubois all of the town of Burlington, Gentlemen, Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Lewis Henry DeKopet esq. deceased. They proved the said will before me, and respectively took the oath as Executors pursuant to the Act of Assembly, in such cases made and provided, made and passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifteen. Given under my hand this 10 day of June 1787 —

John Huske. J. P.