

In the name of God: Amen;

I, William H Lewis of the County of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina, being now of sound mind and disposing memory and understanding, and in good health, but knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle and arrange my estate whilst I have strength and capacity to do so, do publish and declare this paper writing as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void any and all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

I give and devise to my wife, Lucia Lewis to be held and enjoyed by her, during the term of her natural life, the tract of land known, situate on, containing one hundred acres more or less, also another tract or parcel of land adjoining the above mentioned piece, containing about eight acres purchased of James H Brown.

I give and bequeath to my said wife, Lucia Lewis all my stock, of poultry, hogs, sheep, cattle, and household and kitchen furniture, implements and appurtenances, of any and all kinds and description, during her natural life, and after her death to her two youngest children, Susan, and Peyton, with the exception of one steer and heifer, I bequeath to my son Alfred at my death.

I give and devise all the rest and residue of my lands whereever, the same may be situated unto my five oldest children, viz, Aaron, Alfred, Benjamin, John and Elizabeth Land. The above mentioned tract of land is supposed to contain one hundred and two acres, as tenants in common. In the event of the death of my five oldest children for whom I have made the foregoing devises of my land in trust, leaving issue, it is my will that the land herein devised or which may be appropriated upon a division of my estate, to such child so dying, shall be divided equally among such of my five oldest children aforesaid as may be then living and the legal representatives of such of them as may have died leaving children except the present crop on said land, that I bequeath to my wife Lucia Lewis. Also one half of the present crop of Turpentine, with the exception of five Barrels on the said land, I bequeath to my wife.

Also I bequeath to my son Alfred the other half of the first mentioned turpentine; I give all the rest and residue of my property of every nature and kind and description including all my debts due me, cash, &c to the payment of my just debts.

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint James P. Moore

Executor, of my last Will and Testament,
in testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name this 22nd
September, 1848.

Signed and published by the
said Wm. F. Lewis as and for his
last Will and Testament in our
presence, who at his request and
in his presence have subscribed our
names as witnesses thereto.

W. N. Bell
J. H. Bell

Wm. F. Lewis

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County Court } December Term 1848,
This paper writing purporting to be the last Will and
Testament of William F. Lewis deceased, is exhibited in
open court for probate and is proven by the oaths of Wm. F. Bell and Caleb N. Bell the subscribing witnesses thereto,
and it is considered and adjudged by the court, that the
said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of said
deceased, and sufficient to pass the property therein bequeathed.
Said paper writing is ordered to be recorded and filed; and
James P. Moore the Executor, therein named duly qualifies
as such.

Teste

L. G. Masteller, Clk.,