

In the name of God amen.

I Jacob Lewis of Stokes County & State of North Carolina being of perfect mind & memory & considering the uncertainty of this mortal life do therefore make and mun this my last will & Testament in manner & form following: That is to say, in the first place, all my just debts and funeral charges must be paid & then I give a bequest unto my dear beloved wife Elizabeth Lewis all my Land as it now is, & all my stocks of every kind & the household & kitchen furniture as it may be & all the books & in fact all about the house, as it may be & all the grain & fodder that is on hand & all my farming tools as they may be & after all my just debts are paid & money collected, there is due me the remainder if any, the same is to have with the above to use at the pleasure during her natural life or widowhood, & after that I desire all of my property of every kind to be sold, & the money with my Land to be equally divided, among my dear beloved children, namely, Moses Lewis, Noah Lewis, James Lewis, Peter Lewis, John Lewis, Martin Lewis & Mattie Lewis. Lastly I also, likewise, constitute, make & ordain my well beloved William Tops sole Executor for this my last will & Testament, & do hereby disannul & revoke all & every other former testament & will legacies, bequests &c by me in any wise before named or bequeathed, estifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the 19 August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five.

Signed sealed published & declared by the above named Jacob Lewis to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the present testator  
Thomas Campbell  
Daniel Powers

Stokes County December Term 1835.

The execution of the last will & Testament of Jacob Lewis dec'd of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by the acts of Thomas Campbell one of the subscribers thereto which is ordered to be recorded.

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I Samuel Federal of the County of Stokes in the State of North Carolina being weak in body, though a sound mind & disposing memory blessed be God for the same do this Thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four make & publish this my last will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say: First of all at my death I recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it & my body to the dust from whence it came, to be buried in a Christianlike manner.

And as touching my worldly estate wherewithal it hath been given God to bless me in this life. I give, bequeath & dispose of in the following manner, to wit, — That all my lawful & just debts shall be first paid out of my estate & the residue thereof both real & personal, namely, all the lands which I may die seized and possessed of, Two negro women Betsy & Rody together with their children & all their increase, one negro boy Daniel, all my stock of horses, cattle & hogs, also all my household & kitchen furniture and farming utensils, one red wagon, one ox cart & all the money & debts to me due & owing I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Melinda during her natural life or widowhood, extending to her the privilege at any time as my children hereinafter named shall arrive at lawful age, or in case of their intermarriage to give to them or each of them such property as she may think proper, out of my estate, observing on all such occasions not to give to any one of them a greater proportion than she shall be able to give to each & every child so named.

Such of my children as are now small & have not had any schooling, it is my will that, as they grow up they shall be sent to school & learned to read, write & cipher & the expense to be paid out of my estate before a final division is made of my estate my elder children having received their schooling!

I will & bequeath that at the death or intermarriage of my beloved wife Melinda as aforesaid, all my estate both real & personal as before named, except such as I shall hereinafter name, shall be equally divided among my children (namely) Lucinda Polina, Martha, Susannah, William, Ann, George & Mary Eliza and Samuel to them & their heirs forever.

I will & bequeath to my daughter Susannah over & above the proportionable part of my estate the sum of Fifty dollars to be paid to her in money. I will & bequeath to my grand daughter Mrs Ann Smith, Five dollars, having hitherto given to my son in law Henry Smith who intermarried my daughter Jenny, who is now dead, their part of my estate, and that my said son in law Henry Smith