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Subscriber this 1st day
of July 1890 Before
me Geo W. Henry J. J.

J. J. Vann

Last Will and Testament of John Arant deceased

In the name of God Amen
I John Arant of the State of North Carolina
and County of Union being of perfect mind
and memory but in feeble and declining
health and calling to mind the uncertainty
of my earthly existence and that it is appointed
for all men once to die do make and decl-
are this my last will and testament in form
and manner following that is to say prin-
cipally and first of all I recommend my soul
into the hands of almighty God who give it
and my body to be buried in a decent Christian
like manner suitable to the wishes of my
Relatives and friends

and no touching such Earthly Estate as it
has pleased God to bless me with my will
and desire is that that it be disposed of in
manner following

Item the 1st I Give and bequeath unto my wife, A. J. Arant,
all my lands with their improvements ~~for and during~~ ^{her} for
during natural ^{life} or so long as she remains
a widow

Item the 2nd I give and bequeath unto my wife all my perish-
able property of every description to enable her to
Rise and educate my Children

Item 3rd My will is that my Executor shall pay all my
just debts together with my funeral expenses out
of the money first coming unto her hands

Item 4th At or after the death of my wife all my property
both Real & personal be sold or divided as they
Choose and the proceeds of the same be equally
divided between all my Children in testimony
whereof I hereunto set my hand and Seal
This 24th day of November 1881

I hereinto affix my wife, Nancy J. Arant
my Executor to this my will to copy out the same
Test A. H. B. of
" Moses Horn

This 24th day of November 1881
I hereinafter my wife, Nancy I Arant
my Executor to this my will to Copy out the same
Test A W Bof
" Moses Horn

State of North Carolina / In the Superior Court
Union County /

A paper purporting to be the Last
will and Testament deceased, is exhibited before
me, the undersigned Clerk of Court for said County,
by Nancy I Arant the Executor, therein men-
tioned, and the due execution thereof by the said
Arant by the oath and examination of A W Bof
I Moses Horn the subscribing witnesses thereto;
who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each
for himself depose and saith, that he is a sub-
scribing witness to the paper writing now shown
him, purporting to be the last will and Testament
of John Arant that the said John Arant
in the presence of this deponent, Subscribed
his name at the end of said paper writing
which is now shown as aforesaid, and which

John Arant's Will Continued

bears date of the 24 day of November 1881
 and the Deforcunt further saith, That the
 said John Arant the testator aforesaid,
 did at the time of ~~subscribing~~ his name as aforesaid
 declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by him
 and exhibit, to be his last Will and Testament,
 and this Deforcunt did thereupon subscribe his
 at the end of said Will as an attesting witness
 thereto, and at the request and in the presence
 of the said Testator. And this Deforcunt further saith,
 that at the said time when the said testator
 subscribed his name to the said last as aforesaid,
 and the time of Deforcunt's subscribing his
 name as an attesting witness thereto, as
 aforesaid, the said John Arant was of sound
 mind & memory, of full age to execute a will,
 and was not under any restraint to the knowledge,
 information or belief of this Deforcunt;
 and further these Deforcunts say not.

Severally seen & subscribed by W. T. Bass Secy
 the 27 day of Decy 1890 & Moses Horn Secy

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and at the request and in the presence
of the said Testator. And this deponent further said,
that at the said time when the said testator
subscribed his name to the said last as aforesaid,
and the time of deponent's subscribing his
name as an attesting witness thereto, &c
aforesaid, the said John Hunt was of sound
mind & memory, of full age to execute a will,
and was not under any restraint to the knowledge,
information or belief of this deponent;
And further these deponents say not.
Sincerely Seem & Seemeth W. T. Bass Secy
this 27 day of July 1890 & Moses Horn Secy
before me Geo. C. May Jr

Therefore, Nancy J. Hunt duly qualified as
Executrix of the said testator by the oath prescribed
by law & letters testamentary were issued
to her by me Geo. C. May Jr

Copy of the Last Will and Testament of Thos. Lewis

In the name of God Amen -

I Thomas Lewis of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina Calling to mind the mortality of body and be through the mercy of God of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz:

Supimus I commend my soul to God who gave it and body to the Grave to be buried at the discretion of my Executors Hereinafter named.

Item As to the property wherewith God has been pleased to bless me I will and dispose of it as follows:

1st I will and direct that all my just debts be paid out of my Estate -

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from a S.W. to N.E. direction across my plantation
and Comencing on David Phifer line and extending
to Edmond Pech's line including all the gold that
may - within fifty rods on each side of principal
Vein, together with as much timber as may be necessary
for working the mine in ~~cutting~~ ^{timbering}, limacing and
building Cabins for the hands that ~~they~~ ^{they} may work
the mine, ^{such timber to be cut as near to the mine} as it can be got and also five acres ^{to}
and privilege of the water of the Gold mine Branch
to my beloved wife Mary Lewis, to my daughters
Jule Harkness and Martha Matthews and to my
Son Robert Lewis, Elisha Lewis and Thomas Newton Lewis
and my daughter Mary Ann Lewis to them and theirs
forever to have and to hold the said gold mine and
the Ridge on which it runs in common interest and
receive and to enjoy all the profits and proceeds of
said mine to be equally divided, my above named wife
and seven children share and share alike and each of
the said holders having and equal interest in said
mine shall bear an equal part in the necessary expenses
included in ~~making~~ ^{marking} the mine and shall furnish
an equal amount of the labor.

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