

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 to-wit:

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 -

Item I will and bequeath my Gold mine Running from a S.W. to N.E. direction across my plantation and commencing on David Phifer line and extending to Edmond Pech's line including all the gold that may - within 1000 rods on each side of the line

from a S.W. to N.E. Direction across my plantation
and commencing on David Phefer line and extending
to Edmond Phefer'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~~ ^{limbering} 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 Good mine Branch
to my beloved wife Mary Lewis, to my daughters
Jane Harkness and Martha Matthews and to my
Sons 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 Bridge on which it runs in common interest and
receive and to enjoy all the property 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 an equal interest in said
mine shall bear an equal part in the necessary expenses
included in ~~making~~ ^{working} the mine and shall furnish
an equal amount of the labor -

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 Item The ~~quantity~~ of labor to be employed on the mine and the amount of expense that shall be incurred in working said mine shall be so much and no more than shall be agreed to and determined on by two - thirds of the above named joint holders and owners of said mine

Item No one of the above named joint heirs and owners of the said mine shall be at liberty to lease sell or transfer his or her interest in the said mine unless by the consent and approbation of all the other joint heirs and owners

Item I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Lewis as her dower of my land, the dwelling house in which I now live with all the improvements and appurtenances thereunto, and that her said dower including the same shall be laid off from ^{my} other land by lines as follows, viz: beginning at a Pine corner near the road leading from David Phifer to the wagon road and running thence across the creek to the mouth of the Spring Creek out of which I formerly used (and leaving it said down the - out of which I now use) thence crossing the branch in the field next my son Robert at the mouth of a Spring &c

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out of which I formerly used (and leaving in said dower
the - out of which I now use) thence crossing the
branch in the field next my son Robert at the
mouth of a Spring drain, thence up the hollow of
said ~~drain~~ to the fence next my son Robert, thence
outside the fence to David Phifers line to have and
to hold and enjoy all the benefits and proceeds of
said dower during the term of her natural life.

Item I will and bequeath to my beloved wife all the beds
and bedding now in the house to be hers at her own
disposal and my cupboard, chest and Bureau to
be hers during the term of her natural life
or so long as she remains my widow.

Item I will and bequeath to my beloved wife two cows and
Colves her choice of the Stock - one horse best worth
fifty dollars and her saddle and bridle and one
year provisions and her wheel and cart also
my cupboard and table furniture

Item I will and bequeath to my son Robert & Lewis
a piece of land adjoining his own land

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on that to be laid off my other land by a line ~~beginning~~ beginning at a Post Oak his upper corner and running in a straight line to a White Oak on the Creek my corner and also David Phelps corner which piece of land shall be valued by the acre by two distinct men and he shall take it at the valuation paying the price after one dividend as one of my legatees is taken out of said valuation to my other six children each to receive an equal part thereof of said land on said condition I will and bequeath to him Robert and his heirs forever

Item I will and bequeath to my beloved wife my negro girl named Vine - during the term of ^{her} natural life or as long as she remains my widow after which the said Vine and her increase shall be sold and equally divided amongst my children

Item I will and bequeath all my land not above mentioned and devised to my two sons Elisha Lewis and Thomas N. Lewis including the dower bequeathed to my wife and my land including said dower shall be equally divided between my ~~two sons~~ ^{will} ~~sons~~ my two sons ^{will} ~~sons~~ touching to have the same as above will do

and devised to my two sons Elisha Lewis and Thomas
N. Lewis including the dower bequeathed to my wife
and my land including said dower shall be equally
divided between my ~~two sons~~ ^{with} my ^{wife} notwithstanding
to have her dower as above willed during
her natural life

I am I will and bequeath my sons Robert, Jonathan,
Elisha and Thomas N. jointly my Smith tools
and crop cut &c

I am I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann
one horse worth fifty dollars and her saddle
and bridle and wheel and Cords and one cow
and calf & one bed and furniture.

I am I will and bequeath to son ^{my} Elisha my ^{Rifle} gun shot
pouch & powder horn

I am I will and bequeath my negro ^{Bill} Phillis & boy
to my seven children to be equally divided
among them either by sale and division of the
price or by valuation and those of my children
that get the said Negroes to pay the other legates
who do not get their proportion part of the value —

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I will and bequeath to my daughter Marsha Stewart two hundred dollars and to my daughter Mary Ann Lewis two hundred dollars, and to my daughter Jane Hartnef One hundred and fifty dollars, not making her share equal to ^{to the share of} my other daughters in consequence of fifty dollars taken of me by her husband Ely Hartnef in sale of the land on which my son Robert now lives and this money to be paid to the said Marsha, Mary Ann, and Jane by my Executors out of the money on hand and sale of ~~my~~ ^{my} property within one year after my decease and thus to make my daughter equal forth and I have given my sons —

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It is my will and direct that all my property goods and chattels not above ^{devised in this my will} specified be sold publicly by my Executors at a credit of one year and that the amount arising from such sale together with all money found on hand at my decease and all my outstanding debts (after the above specified legacies are paid as directed in

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decease and all my outstanding debt (after the
above specified legacies are paid as directed in
this my will) shall be equally divided between my
wife and seven children above named Shore and
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I constitute my sons Robert Lewis and Jonathan Lewis
and my son in law Eli Stewart Executors of this my last
will and testament—

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my seal this ~~16~~ day of August 1883

Signed Sealed and published
in presence of

Thomas Lewis Seal

Wm Houston
Reuben Tomberlin
Samuel Williamson

North Carolina)

Mecklenburg County I J M Morrow, Clerk of the
Superior Court in and for the County
and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the above
and foregoing is a full true and correct copy of the
Last Will and Testament of Thomas Lewis

now on file ~~in~~ my office and duly recorded upon
Book of Mills Book B, page 1645C In witness whereof
I have hereto subscribed my
name and affixed Seal of said Chancery
Office in Charlotte N. C. this
26th of April 1890

J. D. Brown
Clerk Superior Court

The foregoing Certified Copy of the Last Will
and Testament of Thos. Lewis deceased was this
day duly recorded on pages 357 to 361 of this
Book of Mills this 16th day of May 1890
Wm. W. Henry

North Carolina
Union County In the name of God Amen
I Boilton Parker of Union
County State of North Carolina, being sick and
weak of body, but of sound ^{and} disposing mind, mem-
ory and understanding, considering the certainty of