

In the Name of God Amen - Be it Remembered, that I William Lee, of Union County, in the State of South Carolina, being weak in Body, but of a Sound & well Disposing Mind & Memory; (the Lord be Praised) - Therefore calling to mind the Shortness & Uncertainty of Human Life; have thought fit to Make & Publish this my last Will & Testament, in Manner & Form following, (that is to say) When it shall please the Lord to Call me from this Transitory World, I recommend my Soul to the Mercy of God, who gave it; And my Body to the Earth; to be Buried in a Decent & Christian like Manner, at the Discretion of my Executors, herein after Named; in full Assurance to Receive the same again, at the General Resurrection - - - - -

And as Touching such Worldly Estate as it has pleased the Lord, to Bless me with in this Life; have thought proper to Dispose of the same in the following Manner (To wit) It is my Will, that all my just Debts, Doctors, Bill, & Funeral Charges shall be first fully satisfied & Paid out of my Personal Estate; & the Remainder of my Estate, both Real & Personal, to be Disposed of, in the Manner, & Form Following; Viz.- - - - -

IMPRIMIS, I Give, & Bequeath unto my Son Michael Lee, Sixty Acres of Land, being part of a Plantation & Tract of Land, Containing Two Hundred & Forty Acres on Tygre River; Conveyed to me, by Samuel Cannon; To Begin at the Lower Corner, & to Extend up the River far enough to Include said Sixty Acres; to Have, & to Hold in his Possession, & for his Use; during his Natural Life,

And no Longer; then to go to my Son Thomas Lee, & his Heirs forever. - - - - -

Secondarily, I give, & Bequeath unto my Son John Lee, Sixty Acres of Land, being a part of the Above Tract of Two hundred & forty Acres; Begining next to, & Adjoining my Son Michael, above him, & Running up the River, far enough, to include said Sixty Acres; to have & to Hold, during his Natural Life time; & then to be Equally Divided among the other Sons.

Build, Settle & Live on the above Tract; otherwise it is to fall back & be equally Divided among the other Boys, as above said. - - - - -

Thirdly, I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Joseph Sixty Acres of Land; being a Part of the above Tract of Two Hundred & Forty Acres, Beginning on the River Adjoining to my son John, above him, & Extending up the River, far enough to Include Sixty Acres; (provided he, Joseph do Build on, Settle, Clear, & Cultivate, s^d Land,) to have & to Hold for ever; & his Heirs & Assign; - - - - -

Fourthly, I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Thomas Lee, his Heirs & Assigns for Ever; the Remainder of the above Tract of Two Hundred & forty Acres, (still above, my Son Joseph Lee;)- being Sixty Acres of Land, with the Houses, or Buildings, & other Improvements of whatever kind, that he, s^d Thomas Lee, hath done or caused to be done, on the aforesaid Tract of Sixty Acres - - - - -

And also I Give, & Bequeath unto my above Named Sons, Thomas, Joseph & John, & to their Lawful for ever; Two Hundred & forty-five Acres of Land, it being the Remainder of a Tract of Two hundred & Fifty Acres; Granted to me, (the Low Land consisting of Five Acres, More, or Less, being Bequeathed as above) to be Equally Divided among them, by my Executors herein after named; as followeth, Viz. - That my Son Thomas shall have his Share & Proportion of the s^d Land, to Include the Dwelling & Improvement he now has Made, extending Upward & Outward, so as to Include his equal Proportion of s^d Land - - And that the Remainder shall be equally Divided Between my other Two Sons, Joseph & John Lee, to be their Right for ever, provided they do Improve & Cultivate the same, --- Nevertheless if my s^d Sons should all be Disposed to sell the above Described & Bequeathed Lands, they shall be at Liberty, with the Approbation of my Executors to Dispose of the same; Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the Contrary. -

Provided they Purchase other Land with the Consideration Money which they Receive for the Land above mentioned; Purchased shall be under the same Regulation & Restriction as the Land above Bequeathed - - - - -

ITEM, I give & Bequeath unto my Sons Michael Lee, & William Lee, & to my Daughters Catharine Brood, Jean Hovel, Oliviah Fraser, Sarah Bates, & Nancy Jackson, One Guinea to each and every of them, to be Paid to them, by my Executors Twelve Months after my Decease, if Demanded -

ITEM, it is my Will that all my Debts be Collected, & a Reasonable Charge Paid out of the same, to the Collector, for his Trouble & the Remainder to be equally Divided amongst my Three Sons, Thomas, Joseph & John Lee; That is, I commit to the Care, & it is my desire my Executors, woud advertise my Cattle, Swine, Sheep, with my Household Furniture, & Casks or Vessels of every kind, & propose them at Publick Auction within Twelve Months after my Decease at the Law Requires; & after all, Debts are Collected, & the Collector Reasonably paid for his Trouble, the Rest to be Divided as above.

And Lastly, I do hereby Nominate, Constitute & Appoint my trusty Friends, Drury Murrel, George Harlin, Hatter, & my beloved Son Thomas Lee, to be my Sole Executors, to this my last Will and Testament; Hereby Revoking & making Void all other former Wills, & Testaments, by me, heretofore, Made, & Declaring this Sheet of Paper Written on both Sides & no other, to be my last Will & Testament: IN witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal, this Twelf Day of Septembin the Year of our Lord One Thousand, seven hundred & Ninetysix -

Signed, Sealed, Published Pronounced and William x Lee
Declared by the said William Lee to be his
last Will & Testament, in the presence of

Us, Viz.
John Stokes
Hez Rice

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