

Will, NC, Mecklenburg, James Lees 1804

Mecklenburg County

April term 1807

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Isaac Alexander Clerk of Court

JAMES LEES

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In the name of God Amen.

I **JAMES LEES** of Mecklenburg County and state of North Carolina being sick of body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die to make and ordained this my last will and testament first and principally recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the grave to be buried in a decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my executors as I expect to meet with the same at the resurrection.

First of all I do appoint ordained that what estate or property I had that God had in his Providence been pleased to bless me with in this life be disposed of in the following manner Viz:

That all my lawful debts and funeral expenses be honestly paid as soon as convenient after my decease.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my well beloved wife **POLLY** one black mare with her saddle and bridle; two milch cows her having her choice of my stock and their calves; two feather beds and furniture; her spinning wheel and reel with all the chairs; and one walnut table; three pots or ovens her to have her choice; my cupboard and half the furniture to be hers during her life. My plantation & crop and all the farming utensils at her disposal so long as she remains my widow and when death or marriage should take place, the farming utensils should be sold and divided as shall be hereafter mentioned. I Likewise order that my wife shall have her own Fxxxx I brought for her & four barrels such as she shall choose for her own. And if my said wife should be with child at this time it is my will that she is paid by my executors out of the whole of my estate fifty dollars to be allowed her for her lying and nursing said child. I likewise order that my stock of hogs be kept for the use of my wife and children.

It is my will that all of the remainder of my property be exposed to sale against fall and be divided amongst my three children viz **WILLIAM, JANE** and **ROBERT ANDERSON**, and if any one of these my children should die before the marry or come of age their share of the property to be equally divided amongst the survivors. It is also my will that the said property or the monies arising from the same to be divided amongst my children equally when they are the age with the interest due thereon and if my above mentioned wife should be with child then it to have an equal share with the rest of my children.

I do further allow said wife one beef cow in the fall it to be at her own choosing also I allow my said wife to have for the benefit of her and children about 40 yards of cloth that is in the house.

And lastly I do nominate and appoint my wife, **WILLIAM LEES** and **JOHN SWAN** to be my lawful executor of this my last will and testament and I do likewise revoke renounce and utterly deny all other wills and Testaments xxx &

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claiming this and no other to be my last will & testament given under my hand
and seal this 24th day of may 1804

JAMES LEES {seal}

JOHN PATTERSON

ROBERT FRANKLIN