

Will of Joseph Lane, 1773

In the name of God Amen, I Joseph Lane of the County of Halifax in the province of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory calling to mind the certainty of death and the undertainy of the time therreof, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Lane and his heirs forever one Negro Boy Ned about seventeen years.

Item- I give and bequeath unto my son James Lane and his heirs for ever one Negro man named Dick aged about fifty five years. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Jesse Lane and his heirs forever two negroes to wit: A Negro man named Joe and a Negro wench named Mariah & my will and desire is that he may not carry the said negroes out of the province. Item I give and bequeath unto my grandson Henry Lane one Negro Boy named Hercules aged about ten years. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Joel Lane and his heirs forever all the rest and remainder of my estate of what nature or kind soever real and personal not hereinbefore bequeath out of which he is to pay and discharge all my just debts and funeral expenses and lastly I do appoint my said son Joel Lane whole and sole executor of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and disannulling all former or other will or wills by me made ratifying and confirming this, and only this, to be my last will and Testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of November 1773.

**Signed, sealed and declared Joseph Lane (seal)
to be the testor's last will and Testament in presence of
Thomas Howell
Henry Holt**

Halifax CO. February Court 1777. Then this will was exhibited in Open Court & Proved by Thomas Howell a witness thereunto in one form of Law & on Not. Ordered to be recorded.

**Teste
B. McCulloch, C.C.**

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