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Will of Aaron Lewman, Feb., 1824.

In the name of God amen. I Aaron Lewman of the county of Iredell and state of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this 22 day of Feby in the year of our Lord 1824 make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner following that is to say, First I give and bequeath unto my grandson Zadoc Lewman one bay mare, and her colt to James Jackson Lewman and Wm Alfred Lewman, to be sold and equally divided between them the money I authorize my executors hereafter named to put on interest until they become of age.

I also give Wm Alfred Lewman one heifer and her increase which is to remain in the care and possession of Zadoc Lewman until the said Wm A. arrives at the age of 21 years. But of the increase should be so great as to be inconvenient to keep he the said Zadoc Lewman may sell or kill to the use and benefit of his family, but there must be at least one of the original stock which he this ?, Wm A. must receive. I also give to Rebecca Evaline Lewman daughter of Zadoc Lewman two sheep. 2nd I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Rebecca Brazier any bed, bed sl??, & bed clothes. I will that all the remainder of my personal estate be sold to discharge my just debts, and if these should not be a sufficiency of that, then the remainder must be discharged from the proceeds of the sale of my land. I further will that my land be sold and equally divided in the following manner. Viz one third to Zadoc Lewman my grandson which is to be laid out in the purchase of more land, or if he should prefer it, my executors are hereby authorized to lay him off one third of my land in the way which would prejudice the sale of the other two thirds the least and if it should all be sold then my executors will take the one third and buy land to the amount of it for my grandson Zadoc Lewman, which land in either case he is to hold possess use and inherit during his natural life, and at his decease to be sold and equally divided between his children, lawfully begotten of his body. The other two thirds I give to be equally divided between my child Sally Brazier and her children also the children of my son Moses Lewman. Viz. One third to Sally Brazier, and her children to be equally divided among them, the remaining and other third to be equally divided among the lawfully begotten children of my son Moses Lewman. And all the property which may remain if any, to be sold and equally divided between Zadoc Lewman, Sally Brazier, and the children of Moses Lewman my son. I do further will that my executors notify my daughter Sally Brazier and her children and the children of Moses Lewman of my decease and the legacy coming to them who may jointly or singularly (employ?) some person or persons to receive the same after my decease, or anyone of them may transmit to my executors with a certificate of their being the heir and a request to transmit of his, her or their proportional part of the estate to him , her, or them. And on either of my executors inclosing the money or legacy in a letter and depositing it in the post office, the certificate of a witness to the fact shall be a sufficient voucher and release from all demands from the said legatee or legatees on the said executor or executors as to my estate, and further the said executor shall and are by this my will released from any claim or claims of any one or more of the legatees applying as above and by my executors complying with the above conditons.

And I hereby make and ordain by worthy friends Wm. I. Summers Esq. and Dr. Aza Beall executors of this my last will and testament. In witness I the said Aaron Lewman have to this my last will and testament, set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, and published and declared by the said Aaron lewman testator, as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

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Reuben Yarbroah      Aaron X Lewman (seal)

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