

Will of John M. Lewis

In the name of God amen!

I John M. Lewis of the County of Orange in the State of Indiana, being weak in body but of perfect mind, and memory, and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make publish and declare my last will and testament in manner and form following viz:

I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth Lewis during her natural life all my real and personal estate of every kind nature and description to be used and employed by her during the term aforesaid for her maintainance and support and in such manner as she shall deem best calculated to augment and increase the value thereof, and as shall be deemed most advantageous for her interest and for the interest of the estate generally, and upon the decease of my said wife, I will and bequeath the said land and the residue of personal effects to my several children, and their heirs forever and that the same be sold by my executor herein after named, and the proceeds thereof equally divided amongst my said children, share and share alike, And I hereby appoint my said wife executrix and my son David S. Lewis executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal the 20th day of April 1837.

John M. Lewis (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared in presence of us, who in presence of the testator, and at his request, subscribed our names hereto as witnesses,

Thos. Thornton
George W. Thornton

State of Indiana, Orange County Sec.

Know all men by these presents that I, John M. Lewis of the County aforesaid, being still of sound and sane mind, do by way of codicil and addition to the foregoing last will and testament, appoint my son Joshua S. Lewis co-executor ~~therein~~ named with my other son David S. Lewis the executor therein named to execute conjointly the duties and trusts therein required and enjoined upon them.

In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal at Paoli the 18th day of January A.D. 1843

John M. Lewis (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published & declared
in presence of us who at the special
request of said testator and in his pres-
ence and in the presence of each other
subscribed our names as witnesses.

Thos. Thornton

Geo. A. Thornton

The State of Indiana }
Orange County Ss. }

George A. Thornton of Lawrence County in the State
of Indiana, being duly sworn before the Clerk of the Probate
Court of Orange County in the State of Indiana, says that the
will of John M. Lewis late of Orange County deceased here-
unto annexed dated 20th day of April A.D. 1837 and the first
Codicil thereto dated 18th day of January A.D. 1843 to which
said George A. Thornton and Thomas B. Thornton are subscribing
witnesses, were duly executed by said testator in the presence
of said affiant and said Thomas B. Thornton, that the said
John M. Lewis at the time of the execution of the same was of
full age to devise his property, and of sound mind and
memory, and not under any coercion and restraint whatever
and that the said affiant and Thomas B. Thornton signed
their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of said testator,
and in the presence of each other, at the request of said testator.

Geo. A. Thornton

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned this 24 day
of April A.D. 1852.

ASB

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court
this 24th day of April A.D. 1852 Asa M. Black Clerk
of the Probate Court
of Orange County, Ia.

State of Indiana }
Orange County Ss. }

I Asa M. Black, Clerk of the above named Court
do certify the foregoing to be a full true & complete record of
the will and first codicil thereto attached of the said John
M. Lewis and of the proofs and examination, and attesta-
tion of the said will and codicil.

Given under my hand this 24 day of
April 1852

Asa M. Black clk.

State of Indiana }
Orange County ss. }

Know all men by these presents, that I John
Mr. Lewis of the County aforesaid, being still of sound mind
and memory do hereby (by way of further codicil and addition,
alteration and change to the foregoing last will and testament)
give and bequeath unto my said son, Abraham J. Lewis, and
his heirs forever the share of my real estate, which under the
provisions of this will, would have descended to my son George
W. Lewis, and his heirs in addition to his the said Abrahms indi-
vidual share, and also I further give and bequeath unto the said
Abrahm J. Lewis, and his heirs forever the share of my personal
estate except the house hold and kitchen furniture which under
the provisions of this will would have gone to my son George
W. Lewis and his heirs in addition to his the said Abrahms in-
dividuals share, subject to the rights of my beloved wife as
before set forth - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this 22nd day of March 1852. John ^{his} _{mark} Mr. Lewis Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared
in presence of us, who at the special
request of the said testator, and in his
presence, and in the presence of each
other subscribed our names as witnesses.
Andrew Kincaid
A. J. Simpson

The State of Indiana }
Orange County ss. }

Arthur J. Simpson of Orange County in
the State of Indiana, being duly sworn before the Clerk of
the probate Court of Orange County, in the State of Indiana,
says that the second ~~codicil~~ codicil to the will of John Mr.
Lewis late of said County deceased hereto annexed, dated 20th
day of April A.D. 1837, and the date of said codicil is the 22 day
of March 1852 to which said Codicil said Arthur J. Simpson
and Andrew Kincaid are subscribing witnesses, was duly executed
by said testator in the presence of said affiant and the said
Andrew Kincaid, that the same John Mr. Lewis at the time of
the execution of the same was of full age to devise his property
and of sound mind and memory, and not under any coercion
and restraint, whatever, and that the said affiant and the
said Andrew Kincaid signed their names thereto as witnesses in
the presence of said testator in the presence of each other
at the request of said testator.

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned this 30th day of April 1852
Witness my hand and the seal of said court this the day and
Year last aforesaid. Arthur J. Simpson
Geo M. Black Clerk

State of Indiana
Orange County

I, Asa M. Black, clerk of the above named
Court do certify the foregoing to be a full and true record
of the second codicil attached to the will of the said John
M. Lewis, and of the proofs and examination and attesta-
tion of the said codicil

Given under my hand this 30th day of April
Asa M. Black
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