

In the name of God Amen
The Twentieth Day of September In the year of our
Lord God Everlasting one thousand seven hundred forty
and four. I Robert Lanier of the County of Terril and
province of north Carolina planter being werry sick
and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory all pray
be Given to God therefore calling to mind the mortality
of my body and knowing that It is appointed for all men
once to Die do make ordain this to be my Last will and
testament that Is to say principally and first of all I Give
Recommend my soul Into the hands of God that gave It
and my body I Commend It to the Earth to be buried
In a Cristianlike manner att the Discretion of my
Executors nothing Doubting but att the Generall Resurrec-
tion I shal Receive the same Again by the myty power
of God touching such worldly Estate whare with It leas
pleased God to bless me In this Life I Give Devise and Dispose
of the same In the following manner first I Do order
and Desire that all my Just Debts and my funeral
Charges be fully paid Discharged and satisfied and Legases
paid
Item I will and Bequeath to my Beloved wife Sarah my
Negro man named Jack and my negro woman named
nan for ever Likewise for ever and full and what steers
belonging to my ore stock and the house hold furniture
to her my said wife Sarah I Like wise Give the use of this
my manner plantation to My Beloved wife Sarah During
her natural Life and no longer
Item to my Beloved Daughter Jeand Give one shilling
sterling money
Item to my Beloved Daughter Elisebeth I Give one shilling
sterling money

Item to my Beloved Daughter Sarah I Give one Shilling
sterling money

Item to my Beloved Daughter annanarah Cistanah I Give
one Shilling sterling money

Item to the Lawful Issue of my Daughter Grace I Give
one Shilling sterling money

Item to my Beloved Daughter samariah I Give one Shilling
sterling money

Item to my Beloved Daughter Sarah I Give one Shilling
sterling money

Item I will and Bequeath to my Beloved Son John Lanier
one bible

Item I will and Bequeath to my Grand son Robert Daniel
my female negro Child named hannah

Item I will Bequeath to my Grand son John Bryan one
Shilling here and the Increase to be Left in the Care
off of my two sons afore mentioned til he Arrive at
the age of twenty and one Years

Item to my Granddaughter Sarah Gilbert I Ratify and Confirm

which I Desire may Remain in the Care of my
Beloved wife til she arrive at the age of Eighteen
Years or on his marriage Day

Item to my Granddaughter mary Gilbert when she Doth
arrive at the age of Eighteen years or his marriage
Day I Give and Bequeath one Gerling here and
the Increase to be Left in the Care of my Beloved
wife

Item I Desire if my tools may be Equally Divided
to the use of my two sons and my Grand son Robert
Daniel

Item to the two orphan children Raised in my house
namely an brown and Michael (each I give and Bequeath
a sterling heffer Each of them to be Delivered at the
Discretion of my Executors to pay the Incase Liken
Item To Grand Adams Senior I give one Cow and Calf —
Item Like wise the Remainder of my Cattle after my
Legacies Is all paid Is to Equally Divided Between
my Son John Lanier and John Lanier

and I desire that there may be no
misinterpretation or Wrong Constructions put on this my
Last will and testament but that It may be Understood
I Do nominate Choose and Appoint My Beloved wife
Sarah to be Executors and My Beloved son Wm
Lanier and my Beloved son John Lanier to be Executors
of this my Last will and Testament signed sealed
Published and Declared In the Presence of us —

Robert Lanier

Wm Willis
Robert Lanier David
John Lanier

Syrrely March Court 1744
County

Then the Within Will of Robert Lanier
was duly proved in this Court by the oaths
of Robert Lanier Daniel and John Lanier
Evidences thereto

Test Mr. Lee Clerk Court

And at the same time William Lanier
Qualified as Executor to the Within Will
by taking the Executors Oath in due form of
Law

Ordered that the Hon. Nathaniel
Esq. Secretary have Notice thereof that he
may issue accordingly

Test Mr. Lee Clerk Court

Robert Lanier

Witness

Specs

Letter to April 1744

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