

Lain's
Will

In The Name of God Amen James Lain of Charlotte being in very low State of health But of perfect mind and memory blessed be God for the same do this day and year make & draw and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Lain the use of the houses and plantation whereon I now live during her natural life likewise the use of all my stock & every kind and my household Furniture of every kind during her natural life Item I give and bequeath

to my son James Lain one hundred acres of Land. Item I give and bequeath to my two sons John and William Lain all the rest of my Land whereon I now live containing three hundred acres Be the same more or less to be Equally divided between them the manner plantation to John Lain

the other part to William Lain, and Further it is my desire that my son James Lain should have his part where he has made a plantation together with his buildings, it is likewise my will and desire that after the death of my beloved Wife Elizabeth Lain that my stock of every kind and household Furniture of every kind be Equally divided between the following children

that is John Lain, William Lain, Betsey Lain, Mary Lain, and Sally Lain my daughter Ann Harris have rec^d her part already, and lastly I do constitute and appoint my loving

wife Elizabeth Lain, John Lain and William Lain to be the Executors of this my Last

Will and Testament Revoking all former Will by me made as witness my hand and seal

this Sixteenth day of January one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty one.

the other part to William Linn, and whether it is my desire that my son James Linn should have his part where he has made a plantation together with his buildings, it is likewise my will and desire that after the death of my beloved Wife Elizabeth Linn that my stock of every kind and household Furniture of every kind be equally divided between the following children that is John Linn, William Linn, Betsey Linn, Mary Linn, and Sally Linn my daughter Ann Harris have rec^d her part already, and Lastly, I do constitute and appoint my loving wife Elizabeth Linn, John Linn and William Linn to be the Executors of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking all former Wills by me made as witness my hand and seal this Sixteenth day of January one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty one.

In presence of William Roberts, John Linn,
William ^{his} Sanson.

James L. Linn, L. S.

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 2^d day of July 1781

The within written Last Will and Testament of James Linn dec^d was Exhibited in Court by Elizabeth Linn and John Linn the Executors and Executor thereof, and the same was approved by the oaths of William Roberts and William Sanson two of the Witnesses here to Subscribed, and ordered to be Recorded, on the motion of the said Executor and Executrix who made oath according to Law Certificate is Granted them for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form, they giving Security Whom upon being together with John Collins Robert and George Brown the Jurors to the said Court put their hand for that purpose.

Reserving Liberty to William Lane the other Executors to join in the probate when he shall think fit

Teste Thomas Head Clerk

Sealed & Signed

Wm. Lane

J. S. Davenport
Will

In the name of God Amen This Tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty one, I Jack Smith Davenport of the County of Charlotte being low and weak in Body, but of perfect mind and memory. Thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of Life I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament and that in manner and form following. First I Recommend my Soul to God who give it me, and my Body to be Buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned. Now as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to Bless me with I give and dispose in the following after my Just Debts and Funeral Expenses are paid. Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Lucy Davenport one negro Boy Named Will Also a Third Part of the Land where we now live Besides a proportionable part of all my personal Estate during her life and after her decease to be equally divided among all my Children Item My Will and desire is that the residue of my Estate be continued with my wife for the use of Bringing up and Educating of my Children in a proper manner Untill my Next Son Marries or Comes to the age of Twenty