

of sound and perfect mind and memory (Blessed be God) On the ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner following that is to say. First I give and bequeath unto my Loving wife the plantation wherem I now live during her widow hood, and after her marriage or death I give the said plantation to my son Shadrach Land, containing one hundred acres to him and his heirs for ever.

I then I give unto my son Rematur Land a tract of Land where he now lives two hundred and thirty acres of Land to him and his heirs forever.

I then I give unto my son Henry Land a tract of land containing one hundred and seventy five acres adjoining the Land bequeathed to my son Rematur, to him, the said Henry and his heirs forever.

I then I also give to my son Shadrach Land, twenty five acres of land adjoining betwix the line of the aforesaid Plantation and Cypress Creek swamp to him and his heirs forever. I then and the Remaining part of the Land that is part sold out to Lamb Lavin

I give to my son John Land and his heirs forever.

I then I give unto my son Shadrach my mare Colt. I then I give the young horse called Pompey, to my said son John. I then my young horse called Badger to my said son Henry. I then I give unto my daughter Frances and Eliza my young mare called Tell she and her increase. I then I give to Henry, John and Shadrach a gun and Lamb each.

I then I leave unto my loving wife the rest of my Personal Estate of what nature or kind soever during her widowhood for support in raising the two small children afterwards. I will the three girls and Shadrach the same be equally divided betwixt shaw and shaw sicks. And I hereby make and Ordain my loving wife Executor, and sons Henry and John Executors of this my last will &

Testament, in witness whereof, I the said Robert Land have to this my last will and Testament set, my hand and seal the day and year above written, Signed, Sealed, Published, and declared by the said Robert Land the Testator, as his last will and Testament in the Presence of us who were present at the time of Signing and sealing thereof, Jas Lockhart. Tho Lavin.

Robert ^{his} Land ^{mark} (Seal)

State of ^{the} Carolina } January Court 1782.
Dublin County

There was the within will proved in open Court in due form of Law by the oath of Thomas Lavin one of the subscribing Evidences thereto and at the same time Francis Land Executor of the said will came before the court and Qualified as an Executor to the same &c. Orders that Letters issue accordingly.

Just. W^m Dickson C.C.

In the name of God amen I John Lavin of the State of ^{the} Carolina and County of Dublin being of sound and perfect memory blessed be God do this 4 day of March in the year of our Lord 1829 make and publish my last will and Testament set my hand in manner as following that is to say first of all my funeral expenses paid and all my just debts paid first I give and bequeath to my dear beloved wife Gelphey Lavin as follow. My main plantation including all my land on the upper side of road also all my house hold and kitchen furniture and all my stock of cattle and hogs during her natural lifetime and at her death the land to belong to my dearly beloved son Pearson Lavin also one bed and furniture at my wife's death to belong to my dearly beloved daughter Elizabeth Lavin and the rest of what my wife has at her death to be disposed of as she thinks proper, also my own

lifetime to be excepted and hereby make and ordain
my worthy friend James Williams Executor of this
my last will and testament in witness whereof
I the said Jesse Lenoir have to this my last will
and testament set my hand and seal the day and
year above written signed sealed, sealed, and published
and declared by the S^d Jesse Lenoir the testator
at his last will and testament in the presence of
us who was present at the time of signing thereof
Witness. James Williams. Holden ^{the} Lenoir.

State of N^c Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter session
Duplin County } May Term 1829.

Thus was the within will proved in open Court
in due form of law by the oath of James
Williams and Holden Lenoir the subscribing
witness thereto and at the same time Jas Williams
Esq. Disqualified as Executor to the same. Ordered that
Letters Issue

Test Jas Pearson Clk.

In the name of God Amen. I James Middleton Senr.
of the State of North Carolina and County of Duplin
being aged and sick but of sound mind and perfect
in memory calling to mind the uncertainty of
human life and knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die do make this my last
will and testament in manner and form following
that is to say. First I recommend my soul to
God that gave it me and my body to the ground
to have decent and Christian burial at the discretion
of my Executors hereafter to be named, and first as to
what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless
me with. I dispose of in the following manner
and first my will and desire is that all my
just debts and funeral expenses be paid by Executors
as hereinafter directed. I imprint my will and desire
is that my beloved wife Mary Middleton do have

Quick and Reasonable possession of all my lands
and buildings in Duplin County S^d of the poor
Swamp during her natural life with the following
Exceptions viz: my son David is to have the use
and benefit of that part of the plantation S^d
of the Men Branch that is all that part before
the Lane as it now stands and down to the
S^d Davies line for the term of five years should
he the said David live so long without paying tax
or rent and the said David is to return the
plantation in good order as he received it. - Also
excepting the Barn field as the fences now run,
which is reserved to my son Robert Middleton and
half of the orchard. Item. I lend to my Beloved wife
during her natural life the use and labor of the
following Slaves viz: Sam. Ned, Amey, and Pegg and
at my wife's decease I will that the sd Slaves be
divided as follows viz: Amey is to be the property of
my daughter Sarah Nixon and the heirs of her
body forever, provided that should Amey have a child
or children before the death of my wife Sarah, same
to be equally the property of Sarah Nixon, Eliza Herring,
and Kelly Middleton my daughter and at my wife's
decease Pegg is to be the property of Eliza Herring and
Sam the property of Robert Middleton and Ned the
property David Middleton and of their heirs forever.
Also I lend to my wife a negro girl named Hester
and at my wife's death is to be the property of my
daughter Sarah Nixon and the heirs of her body
forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Mary Middleton all my stock of hogs that are in
my own Mark and likewise all my stock of Sheep
except the pay marks of two Siganis viz: to my son
Robert two ewes and lambs and to my daughter
Kelly two Ewes and lambs which are to be paid
to them by my Executor. - I also give to my wife three
Horses viz: Roebuck - Lightfoot and Jibby, a filly that
came of my mare named Fanny. I also give to my