

my estate than all the rest of my estate, I give to equally divided between my daughters except the working tools which I give to my two sons this constitute to be my last will and testament and declare that all alters of this kind to be void. Lastly to conclude I concule and ordain my beloved wife Job Thigpen and Amos Johnson Executors to this my last will and testament, Ie witness wherof I have set my hand and seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1778. Test. John Halse, John Lain, Job Thigpen.

Witnesses  
John Lain <sup>his</sup>  
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State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina } April Term 1798.  
Duplin County }

This was the within will proved in open Court by the oath of John Lain and Job Thigpen two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same time Mary Lain the Executrix and Job Thigpen one of the Executors named in the said will came before the court and qualified as such according to Law. Ordered that Letters issue accordingly.

Test. W<sup>m</sup> Dickson C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Lain of Duplin County in the State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say. First. I give and bequeath unto my son James Lain two hundred acres of Land part of that Survey that Robert Lain took up upon Cypress Creek on the S<sup>th</sup> side below where I now live, except seventy five acres upper part same survey to my son John - to them and their heirs and assigns for ever. Item I give one hundred and thirty nine acres land wherow<sup>n</sup> I live, I give

equally between my son John and Stephen to them and their heirs and assigns for ever. Item I give unto my daughter Anna Murray Five Shillings specie in full. Item I give unto John, Fanny, Jessie and Stephen and Elizabeth, all the rest of my personal estate of what nature or kind find yours unto the aforesaid above mentioned children only to be equally divided between them share and share alike, And it is also my will that my children have an equal portion of my Funeral expenses except my daughter Anna Murray and debts to be paid by them as aforesaid (except as already excepted) and I hereby make and ordain my brother John Lain and brother Benjamin Lain executors to this my last will and Testament making all wills hitherto made in witness whereof I the said Thomas Lain 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 Thomas Lain the testator as his last will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the of witness and sealing thereof. Test. Lockhart, John Lain, witness W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup> Cunn. Clerk affit.

Thomas Lain (Signed).

State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina } July Term 1787.  
Duplin County }

This was the within will of Thomas Lain proved in open Court in due form of Law by the oath of John Farmer and David to be filed and at the same time John Lain and Benjamin Lain the Executor named therein came before the court and qualified as executors of the said will etc. Ordered that Letters may issue accordingly.

Test. W<sup>m</sup> Dickson C. C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Robert Lain of Duplin County in the State of North Carolina, being