

In the Name of God. I, ~~me~~ David Lane Junior, of Halifax
County State of V. Carolina, being sick in Body, but of sound mind & Memory, expecting
I must soon depart this life, do therefore make & Ordain this my last will & Testament, as
follows Wit^h Impremis, I surrender my immortal soul into the hands of Almighty
God; & my Body to be committed to its conatural Dust.

Item, I lend to my Daughter, Ann Shelton the seven Hundred & twenty, five Acres of
Land, whereon she now lives, during the full Term of her natural life time; But her heirs
to descend to the first Male Child lawfully begotten on her body; but if my s^d Daughter
dies without such Male Heir of her Body then the s^d Land to belong to her present Daughter
Martha Shelton to her & her heirs forever. —

Item, I give & bequeath to my afores^d Daughter, Ann Shelton my Negroes Solomon, Bessie,
Viola, Maria, Phillis, Felona, Garris, & Tom, to her & her heirs forever; & also the Horse &
Sundry Articles of House hold & Kitchen Furniture of mine now in her possession to her
& her heirs forever. — Item, I give & bequeath to my Grand Daughter, Martha Shelton
my Negro Girl, named Dinah to her & her heirs forever. —

Item, I lend to my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Barnes, that part of my Land on the
E. Side of Conacoony Swamp commonly called old John's place, containing Ninety
four Acres, (as per Carl Granville's Deed) for & during her natural life time; But her
heirs to belong to her Heir begotten on her body; but if she dies without leaving such
Heir then the s^d Land to belong & revert to my Son David Lane, to him & his heirs forever.
Item, I also lend to my s^d Grand Daughter Elizth Barnes, my Negro Woman named
Lisbon & her Daughter named Sue during the life time of the s^d Elizth. But the term of
her intermarriage if she lives 'til that happens my desire is that she shall have

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Item. I lend to my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Barnes, that part of my land on the
E. Side of Conaconary Swamp commonly called old John's place, containing Ninety
four Acres, (as for Paul Granville's Debt) for & during her Natural life time. But after she
cease to belong to her Heir begotten on her body: but if she dies without leaving such
Heir then the s^d. Land to belong & revert to my son David Lane, to him & his heirs forever.
Item. I also lend to my s^d. Grand Daughter Elizth. Barnes, my Negroe Woman named
Lisbon & her daughter named Sue during the life time of the s^d. Elizth. But the term of
her intermarriage if she lives 'til that happens my desire is that she shall have & possess
s^d. Negroes & their future increase to her the s^d. Elizth. Barnes & her heirs forever.
But if she dies before such intermarriage then my desire, that s^d. Negroes shall belong
to my daughter Ann Shelton to her & her heirs forever. I also lend to my Grand Daughter
Elizth. Barnes my Negroe Annica & Man. If she lives 'til she becomes married & Negroes
if she dies before intermarriage then s^d. Negroes to belong to my son David Lane, to him & his heirs forever
& their increase to belong to her & her heirs forever. And my will & desire is, that my s^d.
son, David Lane shall decently Educate & support my s^d. Grand Daughter Elizabeth
Barnes at his discretion until her intermarriage or until she arrives to the age of
fifteen years which shall first happen.

Item. I reserve my Negroe Girl named Lill, to be at some future hour by me disposed
of or given by Hand Delivery or otherwise as I may hereafter see fit.

Item. after all my just Debts are paid I give & bequeath all & singular the residue
& Remainder of my Estate of every kind whatsoever to my son David Lane, to him &
his heirs forever.

Lastly, I constitute & appoint my s^r. Son David Lane, & my son in Law -
Burwell Shelton joint Executors to this my last Will & Testament. In Witness
whereof I have herunto set my hand & affixed my seal this Twelfth day of Novem^r.
In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Nine.

Signed, sealed, published &
delivered, in presence of ---
P. Dwyer & Charnel Corbin

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Halifax County So. ^{August session 1790}. Then this Will was exhibited in Open
Court & duly proved by the Oaths of Patrick Dwyer & Charnel Corbin the Witnesses thereto &
an Order was made to be Recorded, whereupon David Lane & Burwell Shelton, came in & were
Qualified as Executors thereto in due form. Test - Wm. Wooten. C. C.

In the Name of God. Amen, I Arthur Davis of Halifax County s^r. of sound
being in perfect senses, mind & Memory, do make & Ordain this my last will & Testament
in manner & form as followeth. Viz^t.

Imprimis - I give & devise to my Eldest son John Davis the plantation whereon
he now lives, containing, One Hundred Acres, more or less, also one Negroe man, named
Lick - Item: I give & devise to my Second son, Benjamin Davis, one Brandy Still
Cup, & Worm, also one Tract of land in Nash County, containing 150 Acres, beginning
at the old mill on the left hand of the road to the mill, & running