

In the name of God Amen. I Alexander Sellington
of the County of New Hanover, in the State of North Carolina humbly
Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life me herunto moving
and being at this time of a perfect sound disposing mind I am now
do make, ordain, constitute and appoint this to be and contain
my last Will and Testament, revoking all other, and former, wills
by me heretofore made, in manner, and form following
First. I desire to be decently buried in a christian like manner,
according to the Church of England
Inprimis. It is my will and desire that all my just debts be
paid with honour, as soon as the money can be raised out of the
labour, of my negroes,

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my son John Sellington, a
negro boy called Peter, the son of Sue, to him, his heirs and assigns forever,

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my son George Sellington my
negro men Jupiter and Peter, which was left him by his Aunt Dal-
-rymple, to him his heirs and assigns forever,

Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Sellington
a negroe girl named Nancy, the daughter, of Nann, also a negroe
woman called Judith with her four children named Pats, Cyprian,
Toney and Harry, which negroe woman Judith and her increase
was left to her, by her Aunt Dalrymple, to her, her heirs & assigns forever,

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter, Mary Sellington a
negroe girl called Peggy, the daughter, of Nann, also a negroe girl
named Phoebe, the daughter, of Bess, and a negroe woman called
Judith and her two children a girl called Lucy and a boy now an
infant, to her, her heirs and assigns forever,

Item. It is my further, Will and desire that after, the before be-
-queathed negroes are taken out of my stock, of slaves, the remain-
-der of them shall be equally, and justly, divided between my before
-mentioned children John, George, Sarah and Mary, share & share
alike as they shall attain to the age of twenty one years or day of
marriage whichever may first happen, to them, their heirs and
assigns forever,

Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughters Sarah and
Mary Sellington, all my China, to be equally, divided between
them share and share alike, to them, their heirs and assigns forever,

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my son John Sellington
my writing desk, to him, his heirs and assigns forever,

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my four children John, George,
Sarah and Mary, all my household furniture not before beque-
-athed to my said children to be equally, divided among them
share and share alike as they shall attain to the age of twenty, one
years or day of marriage whichever may first happen to them their
heirs and assigns forever,

Heir. It is my will and desire that my daughter Mary Lillington have two silver galleys out of my household furniture, before it be divided to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. It is my particular will and desire that my mulatto woman named Hannah, the daughter of old Peg, may be set free from her servitude after my decease, as she is not looked on in the light of a slave or the property of any one of my children.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my son John Lillington all and every part, and parcel of the tract of land containing six hundred and forty acres, whereon I now live called Arthur's, and a tract of six hundred and forty acres of land I purchased of the General Ashe whereon the Saw Mill stands, and a tract of fifty or sixty acres patented by myself, between my house plantation and the land I bought of James Moseley, to him, his heirs, and assigns forever.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my son George Lillington all that tract or parcel of land I bought of James Moseley containing eighteen hundred acres, including the Great Island, to him, his heirs and assigns forever. It is also my will and desire that all my lands where soever, to be found not before bequeathed, may be equally divided between my two sons John and George, share and share alike, to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item. It is my will and desire that my daughters Sarah and Mary Lillington during a single life, do live with my son John Lillington; and that they are by this my will intimated to one half of my dwelling house, which half they may think proper to choose; also one half of all my out houses as they may have occasion or use for them, and the liberty and use of one half of the cleared lands (bequeathed to my son John) they shall have the preference of which part they may choose, to work their negroes on, also the use and privileges of all my lands the same as my son John, during their single life, they paying no rent for the use of the said houses and lands. And in case either of my said daughters Sarah or Mary should die or marry it is my will and desire, that all my right and title given to them, to my dwelling house, plantation and lands, given to my son John Lillington may cease.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my children, John, George, Sarah and Mary, all my stock, of horses, cattle and sheep, also my plantation tools, and all other of my personal estate whatsoever, and where soever, it may be found, that is not herein before bequeathed, to be divided among my said children, share and share alike, to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

It is my particular request and desire that my son John Lillington do take upon himself the guardianship of his brother, George Lillington, and that he have him properly educated, and brought up in the best manner he can, and that the expenses arising therefrom, be paid out of the labor of all my negroes, and it is further, my particular desire, that my said son John be very careful of his two sisters, such as become the affection of a brother, towards them, and I do hereby nominate and appoint my kinsmen Samuel Ashe, Samuel Watter, Samuel Swann and my son John Lillington Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of December

1779
The within Will acknowledged by
the Testator, to be and contain his last
Will and Testament, in presence of
Charles Jewkes
Jonah Dumbibin

Alex^r Lillington Esq^r

New Hanover, Feb

In the County Court, April Term 1784.

Charles Jewkes the surviving witness to the foregoing Will being confined with sickness, the Court ordered, that the probate thereof should be taken before John Huske one of the Justices of the said Court whereupon the execution of the said Will was duly proven by the oath of the said Charles Jewkes, who swore that he saw Alexander Lillington Esquire, sign, seal, publish and declare the same as his last Will and Testament, and that the late Jonathan Dumbibin signed at the same time as a concurring witness thereto, and that the said Alexander, was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of the execution of the said Will.

Teste

John Huske. J. P.