

In the name of God Amen. I Caleb, Mason
of the County of New Hanover, in the Province of North Carolina
House Carpenter, being sick, and weak, in body, but of sound
and perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament, in manner, and form fol-
-lowing, that is to say,

Item. I give and bequeath my soul to God, hoping for sal-
-vation through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ, and my
body, to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors
hereafter named.

Item. I give, devise, and bequeath unto my son in law Richard
Lowrey, during his natural life, and to his heirs forever, after his
decease, two likely negro girls about the age of sixteen or eighteen
years, and also my houses and plantation on Topsail Sound
joining the land now belonging to Mr Cornelius Harnett, reserving
to my loving wife Mary Mason the use of the said plantation
during her life.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my loving wife Mary
Mason and to her heirs or assigns forever, the residue of my
whole estate both real and personal of what nature or kind
soever.

Lastly. I do hereby nominate and appoint my said loving wife
Mary Mason, whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and
Testament, revoking and disannulling all former Wills by me
heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal, publishing and declaring this to be my last Will and
Testament this second day of September, in the year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred and seventy.

Signed, sealed, published and
declared by the Testator as his
last Will and Testament in presence
of, Com^{rs} Harnett,
John Bray,
Richard Earle

Caleb Mason. Seal

North Carolina }
New Hanover County }
In the Town of January 1771
The within last Will & Testament

of Caleb Mason was exhibited to the Court, and proved on the oath of
Richard Earle a subscribing witness, who swore that he saw the
Testator sign, seal, execute and publish the same to be and contain
his last Will and Testament, and that at the time thereof, he was
the best of this Depoent's knowledge and belief of sound and disposing
mind and memory, and that Cornelius Harnett and John Bray
signed with him as concurring evidences to the same.

John London. C^l

This 14th day of January 1771, Mary Mason Executrix within
mentioned, qualified as such agreeable to law,
Wm^m Purviance

In the name of God Amen. the 15th day of November
1771. I William M. Blanning of New Hanover, County and Province of
North Carolina, Planter, being sick and weak in body, but of perfect
mind and memory, thank be to God for the same, and knowing
that all men must die; do make and ordain this my last will
and Testament; and first of all, I recommend my soul to God
that gave it, and my body to be decently buried at the discre-
tion of my Executors hereafter named; and as touching my
worldly estate I dispose of in the manner and form following,
Item. I give to my beloved wife Grace M. Lanning one negro
woman named Leda and her increase, during the time of
my wife's widowhood. I likewise give her one feather bed and
furniture, two work horses named Pig and Gray, and one mare
named Pleasure. My will is likewise that she may have my
stock of hogs and six breeding sheep, two cows and calves, and
further my will is that if my beloved wife should marry again,
the negro woman Leda, stock and household furniture she share
given her during her widowhood, should return to my son Luke
M. Lanning, and the child she is now big with; and if either of
the children die before they come to the twenty one years, the other,
shall heir the whole. My will is likewise that my wife may
have the third of the land whereon I now live during the time
of her widowhood, and likewise my gift will for her to have
the profits of, till my son Thomas M. Lanning comes to the age of
twenty one years.
Item. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas M. Lanning, the plantation
whereon I now live, containing one hundred acres of Land, to him
his heirs and assigns forever; and likewise my gift will on the
same land. I likewise give and bequeath to my son Thomas M. Lanning
my hunting gun, and ten pound money to be paid by my Execu-
tors at the time of his coming to the age of twenty one years. I
likewise give and bequeath one feather bed, to be kept in the hands
of my wife till he comes to the age of twenty one years.
Item. My will is that the remainder part of my estate both real
and personal I leave in the hands of my Executors to be sold at
public sale, twelve months credit given, two hundred acres of Land
excepted, which lies at the bottom of the Punch Bowl ridge, which I
give and bequeath to my son William M. Lanning, to him his heirs
and assigns forever.
My will is likewise that my Executors shall lay out the money for