

In the name of God Amen. I, John Lyon of
Wilmington in the province of North Carolina, being of sound
mind, do make this my last will and Testament in manner
following.

I desire that my funeral expences and all just debts be first paid.
I give and devise to my Executors herein after named, all my real
and personal estate (except my negroe slaves and household furniture)
to be by them sold in the best manner they can for the use of the
my will, and untill such sale, that they be accountable for the
profits thereof; and the monies arising from such sale to be
laid out and employed to the best advantage for my legates
at the discretion of my Executors.

I give, bequeath and devise to my wife Mildred all my household
furniture and one third part of the rest of my whole estate after
payment of my debts, which together with the few negroes some
time ago settled in trust for her use in lieu of her lands which I
sold, will I hope enable her to educate and maintain my
daughters Mary and Sidney Jane, untill they shall respectively
happen to marry; and upon this express condition that my said
wife shall educate and maintain my said daughters, and
upon these further conditions, that my said wife shall reside
in the County not nearer to the town of Wilmington than nine
or ten miles, and that she accept of this bequest in lieu of her
right of dower, and all claim against my estate; and in case
my said wife should refuse to comply with the foregoing condi-
tions or any of them, then I leave the said third part of my
estate to be equally divided among all my children, together
with the value of my household furniture, which in that case
I hereby bequeath to be divided also.

All the rest and residue of my estate not herein before disposed
of, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mildred (wife of Samuel
Swann esquire). Mary and Sidney Jane to be equally divided
among them, share and share alike.

And lastly I nominate, constitute and appoint my wife Mildred
Executrix and Samuel Swann, Archibald MacClaine George
Seaman junior, to be executors of this my last will & Testament,
and Guardians of the persons and estates of my daughters Mary
and Sidney Jane.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared
as my last will and Testament this

John Lyon. (Seal)

21st May 1775, in presence of
James MacClaine
John DufBois
Robert Rowan

State of North Carolina }
 Wilmington District

May Term 1782

The within last Will and Testament of John Lyon late of New Hanover County deceased, was exhibited in open Court by the Executors therein named, and the due execution thereof was proved by the oath of John Dubois one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who likewise depose that he saw John Macclaine and Robert Rowan subscribe their names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Testator, who at the time of the execution of the said last Will and Testament appeared to be of a sound and disposing mind and memory; and at the same time children Lyon the Executors and Samuel Swann and Abraham Executors therein named qualified as Executors and Executors of the said last Will and Testament in due form of law, Ordered that the Clerk of New Hanover County, do record the same and make out and issue letters testamentary with a copy of the said last Will and Testament according to the Act of Assembly in that case made and provided.

By order

John Lillington. Clerk S. Ct.

In the name of God. I William Lord Senr of the town of Wilmington, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner, and form as followeth.

First. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Lord the one fourth part of all my estate real and personal to her, and her heirs forever.

Secondly. I give and bequeath the other three fourth parts of my estate real and personal (except a negro boy called Peter) to be equally divided between my children William, Mary, John, James and Usher, each to have and hold his part to him and his heirs forever, also that my daughter, Mary shall have her part to her, and her heirs forever.

Thirdly. I give unto my son Usher, and his heirs forever, the negro boy called Peter, before reserved from my children free and clear of any demand of my wife or children or either, of them or any debt or demand of any other person whatsoever.

Fourthly. That my just debts be paid before a division of my estate except the above negro boy called Peter, which is to be delivered as before mentioned.

Fifthly. My will and desire is that my beloved wife have her part separately as soon as it can conveniently be given her; and that the remainder of my estate be kept together, and as my children arrive at the age of twenty one years or be legally married, then such