

October, Second 1779
New Hanover, County

The within last will and Testament of Margaret Blanning was exhibited in Court and proved by the oath of John Berger a subscribing witness thereto, who sworn that he saw the Testatrix sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be and contain her last will and Testament, and that he believes the Testatrix was of sound disposing mind and memory at the same time. Also that Peter, Harris signed at the same time and concurring evidence thereto.

Thos. McClain. C. O.

In the name of God Amere. This eight day of Septem
ber in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine
I Peter McBlanning of the County of New Hanover, a State of North
Carolina, being weak in body but of perfect mind, memory and
understanding, do make my will in manner following.
First. I recommend my soul to Almighty who gave it.
Secondly. I will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid
by executors hereafter mentioned.
Third. I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Mary Ann
McBlanning, one third of all my lands during her natural life,
one third of all my cattle and sheep, all my hogs, my horse called
Tobey, mare Fly, one half of all my household furniture and
plantation tools, my negroes Ruby and her child Hamond Harry
and John during her widowhood.
Fourth. I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Seneca and
Amelia McBlanning, and the one my wife is now pregnant with
if a daughter, all the remainder of my estate real and personal
to be equally divided by lot, at the eldest surviving at age or day
of marriage; if a boy my wife is non pregnant with, their share
and bequeath unto him all my lands with a part of my moveable
estate with my daughters, but if my wife should be deceased before
more than one, then if daughters, I will that all my estate exclud-
ed of legacy left to my wife should be equally divided amongst
them by ballot, as above, but if sons, the sons to have all the lands
except what is allotted to my wife, with equal part of the moveable
estate. It is my desire that the Schooner, sold by Campbell and my
now laying at New River, should be sent round and delivered to
John Hobbs the, according to our agreement without waiting for
a proof of the will. I likewise desire that my salt works in C. with
Campbell may be carried on to comply with our agreement to Charles
Hobbs, and afterwards to be carried on at the discretion of my exec-
utors. I likewise desire that my wife Mary Ann McBlanning have one

third of the money arising by the salt made at Campbell's and
my salt works, that is to say one third of my half, likewise the
grist mill I created belonging to Thomas & Co. Scammon until the
22nd day of May next.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint my loving friends John A.
Campbell, Maurice Ward and Mackayt Scammon Executors of
this my last Will and Testament, utterly revoking and declining
all former wills heretofore made by me to be null and void,
and declaring this and no other, to be my last Will and Testament
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
day and year above written,

P.S. —
N.B. The words "forever," }
"separates" and "Wife" was }
underlined before signed }
Alexander Scammon
Eleanor ^{her} Nixon
John A. Campbell

Peter, the Scammon Seal,

New Hanover County
January Term 1782

The within last Will and Testament
of Peter, the Scammon was exhibited in Court and proved by the
oaths of John Abbie Campbell esquire, a subscribing witness thereto,
who swore that he saw the Testator, signed, sealed, published & declare
the same to be and contain his last Will and Testament, and
that he was of sound and disposing mind and memory,
at the same time the Campbell qualified as Executor to the
said Will and a deposed into Court on oath an Inventory of the
estate of the deceased.

Jno. MacLaine. Esq.