

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 John Macclaine 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

child or children being of age or so marrying to have his, her, or their part or portion; but that untill a division, that all my children be maintained by my estate.
 Sixthly. That if any or either of my children die before he, she, or they marry, or attain the age of twenty one years, then his, her, or their part or parts to be equally divided between the survivors.
 Lastly. I constitute and appoint my beloved wife, and my said William and Lord sole executors of this my last will and Testament, with full power, they or in case of the death or refusal of one of them, the other, to sell and dispose of my land and other property, so that they may, with propriety, make an equal division and distribution thereof. And I do hereby revoke all other Wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and Testament. Witness my hand and seal the fifth day of March Anno Dom. 1780.

Signed, sealed, published and
 declared, in the presence of
 John Herges
 Mary Meek
 J. Spiller,

William Lord. (L.S.)

New Hamover, County }
 April Term 1780

This will was exhibited in Court and proved by the oath of Doctor John Herges, who swore he saw the Testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be and contain his last will and Testament, and that he believes the Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory. Also that Mary Meek, and James Spiller, signed at the same time as concurring evidence thereto. At the same time Sarah Lord and William Lord qualified as Executors and Executor to said Will.

Thos. McClaine. Clk