

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

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 save 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. Blanning 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 shall
have given her during her widowhood, should return to my son Luke
M. Blanning, 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 have 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 just will for her to have
the profits of, till my son Thomas M. Blanning comes to the age of
twenty one years.
Item. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas M. Blanning the plantation
whereon I now live, containing one hundred acres of Land, to him
his heirs and assigns forever; and likewise my just will on the
same land. I likewise give and bequeath to my son Thomas M. Blanning
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 Pointe Boul ridge, which I
give and bequeath to my son William M. Blanning, to him his heirs
and assigns forever.
My Will is likewise that my Executors shall lay out the money for

negro girls about ten years old; which said negroes shall be left in the hands of my beloved wife during widowhood, and if she does not marry till my son Mark Mc Lannum, comes to the age of twenty one years; then my will is that my executors shall equally divide them and their increase between my five children, viz. Mark Mc Lannum, Wm Mc Lannum, Hezekiah Mc Lannum and Luke Mc Lannum and the child my wife is now with, and lastly. I constitute and ordain my two brothers Mark Mc Lannum and Luke Mc Lannum, and James Micalleton my Executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of Nov

1771

Signed, sealed and published
in presence of us

William Mc Lannum. (Seal)

Luke Mc Lannum
Peter Mc Lannum
Edward Pilcher

New Hanover County Court
January 1772

The within last will & Testament of Will Mc Lannum was exhibited in open Court and proved on the oath of Edward Pilcher, who swore he saw the testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be his last will & Testament, and that to the best of his knowledge, he the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, that Luke Mc Lannum and Peter Mc Lannum signed at the same time as concurring evidences thereto. J. MacLaind. C. Cl.

At the same time the Executors within named qualified agreeable to Law.

J. Ch. C. Cl.