

is record there may be applied to the payment
of my Debt of the above mentioned Article and
Land should fall short & the remaining surplus
thereof I give to my said Nephew Rich^d Lynett.

I nominate & appoint my Friend William Johnston
of Little River in the County aforesaid Executor
of this my Testament & last Will. and I do hereby
revoke & annul all & every former Will by me
heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my Hand & Seal, this thirty first Day of March
One thousand seven hundred & Seventy nine.

Signed Sealed Published & declared
by the said Mich^l Lynett, the
Testator as & for his Testament & last
Will in the presence of us who
have at his request set our Names
as Witnesses & in the presence of each other

148 The Words "Persons who may" being first interlined before signing
R^o Bennet

Mich^l J. Lynett
make

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The Execution of the within Will was duly proved in open
Court by the oath of Rich^d Bennet a subscribing Witness
whereof I ordered to be Recorded

Just. Henderson C. C.

I Michael Lynett Executor of the within Will Published
and declared by me; do further add as a Codicil
thereto that I hereby Will & declare that all the gifts
and Devise made to my Nephew Richard Lynett in the

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said Will shall be at the disposal of my Executor the within
named William Johnston and to be applied to such use & purposes
as to him shall seem most fit. In Testimony whereof, I have
hereunto set my Hand & Seal this fourteenth Day of April one
thousand seven hundred & Eighty one.

Sealed & delivered in the Presence of Mich^l Lynett
Phillippe fasso

Orange County p. Aug^t Court 1781

The Execution of the within Codicil was duly proved in open
Court by the oath of Phillippe fasso a subscribing Witness
whereof I ordered to be Recorded

Just. Henderson C. C.

149 In the name of God Amen I Thomas Laplie
of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina being
weak of Body but of sound Memory to this Twenty first Day
of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
& Eighty make & Publish this my last Will & Testament in
manner following Viz first I allow my Body to be buried
in a decent Christian like way & manner. Secondly It is my
Will that ^{all my Estate be equally divided among the remainder of the English} ~~it be disposed of~~ the following manner
I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Charity Laplie
one third part of all my Personal Estate also my Dwelling
house and Maintenance off the Plantation I now live on
during her Widowhood also I give & grant to my
beloved Son Thomas Laplie a certain Tract of Land
he now lives on situate on the Waters of Back Creek
in Orange County containing by estimation one hundred
and Twenty eight Acres of Land, also thirty Acres of

the East side of a Tract joining the said Tract he
now live on known by the name of (Roberts Gable) to
have and to hold the said Lands to him his Heirs &
Assigns forever also I give to my said Son Thomas one
good Milt Cow & all my wearing Appharel also
I give & bequeath to each of my Daughters Viz.
Elizabeth & Charity Lapslie a good Bed & Furniture,
thurniture belonging to the remaining part of their
portion to be given to them out of my Estate
at the Day of their coming to age or at the
Day of their Marriage at the discretion of my
Executors also I give & grant to my Son David
Lapslie a Tract of Land lying on the Waters
of Back Creek being the remainder of a Tract
I give my Son Thomas Thirty Acres off as above
which remainder contains by estimation 270 Acres
of Land, To have & to hold to my said Son David
his Heirs and Assigns forever. Also I give to my
Son James Lapslie all that Tract of Land I now
live on with the Appurtenances, thurniture belonging
to him his Heirs & Assigns forever. Also it is my
Will that if any of the heirs after mentioned
four Children Viz. Elizabeth, Charity, David or
James should die before they come to age or before
marriage their Portion shall be disposed of at
publick Sale & the purchase Money to be equally
divided between my beloved Wife Charity Lapslie &
the remaining Survivors of the four last mentioned
Children Viz. ^{Elizabeth} Charity, David & James Lapslie

Also it is my Will that my Smith Tools be sold at
publick Sale and the purchase Money to be equally divided as
before mentioned between my Wife & four youngest Children
also concerning my Negroe Fellow named Ben it is my
Will if he behaves himself well that he work on the
plantation I now live on for the better maintenance of
my Wife & the Children that dwell with her during
her Widowhood and after her Marriage or Death said
Ben to work Year about to the Day of his Death
between my Son David & James & if his behavior be
such that it be tho't proper by my Executors to expose
him to Sale at publick vendue, the purchase
Money is to be divided as above to my Wife & my
four youngest Children Viz. Elizabeth, Charity, David,
& James also I give & bequeath to my beloved Wife
Charity a certain black Mare named Bonney & a blue
Cloth side Saddle also a good Bed & Furniture, also it is
my Will that the remainder of my Estate not mentioned or
disposed of by this my Testament be equally divided between
my two ~~Daughters~~ Youngest Sons Viz. David & James Lapslie
at the discretion of my Executors. & I do hereby appoint
my beloved Wife Charity Lapslie & Son Thomas Lapslie & my
Trusty friend William Anderson to be my Executors to this
my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my Hand & Seal the Day & Year above Written
I Seal Published & Declared by
The above named Thomas Lapslie
for & in his Last Will & Testament
in Presence of James Wilkinson
David Anderson Peter Anderson