

In the Name of God amen; May 18th 1785. I Robert Lancer of the County of Surry being now 82
and almost 1785. I Robert Lancer of the County of Surry being now 82
weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory. And knowing that it
is allotted for all men once to die, do make & ordain this to be my
last will & testament. First I recommend my soul into the hands
of almighty God that gave it me; and my body to be committed to
the earth in a christian like burial at the discretion of my
Executors hereafter named. And as to my worldly estate I dispose
of it in the following manner. — Implying. I lend to my beloved
wife Jane Lancer the tract of land whereon I now live, also the
tract of land containing upwards of four hundred acres known and
commonly called the Crane brake tract during her natural life. —
Item. I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Jane Lancer the following
negroes, towel, Charlotte, River, Felix & Sam, together with all my
household furniture, plantation tools, and all my stock of what
nature or kind soever to her and her heirs forever. —
Item. I give & bequeath to my beloved son Thomas Lancer the tract
of land I purchased of Abraham Gerson opposite to my dwelling
House, together with the following negroes, towel, Young Jacob
and Gary, to be for his use immediately after my decease, to
him and his heirs forever. Item. I give & bequeath to my
daughter Elizabeth Nicky Lancer the following negroes, towel,
Joak, Luck & Peter and a Horse & Saddle a feather bed and
furniture, the horse saddle, line &c. to be purchased at the discretion
of my Executors out of the money arising from my estate, to her &
her heirs forever. — Item I give & bequeath to my son Thomas the
negro boy Dick now in possession of Giles Andrews, who ^{inherited} returned
also the two tracts of land lent to his mother after her decease
to him & his heirs forever, Also a Horse & Saddle to be purchased,

by my executors out of the money arising from my estate to him & his heirs
forever. Item I leave to my beloved wife the three negroes before bequeathed to my
daughter Elizabeth, untill my said daughter arrives to the age of eighteen years or
marries, at which time she my said daughter is to take full possession of said
negroes together with their increase. - Item. It is my desire that all my colored
lands on the western water & all my lands on this side the mountains or elsewhere
of what nature or kind soever that are not heretofore bequeathed be equally divided
between my beloved wife Jane & my son Thomas & my daughter Elizabeth after
paying my just debts out of the money arising from the sale of any part
thereof at the discretion of my executors & they are hereby empowered to sell
any part or the whole thereof if necessary. Also it is my desire that my negro
seller named Jacob alias Richard have he sold & the money arising therefrom
be applyed towards paying my just debts. - Item It is further my will
& desire that my dwelling House that is now repairing & the kitchen that
I purposed to build adjoining thereto be finished off in a workman like
manner & paid for out of my estate at the discretion of my executors.
Item. It is my will & desire that all & every article or thing belonging to my
estate of what nature or kind soever that are not heretofore bequeathed or
lent, as also all out standing debts be applyed towards paying my just
debts, and the surplus (if any) be equally divided among my wife & my
children. Lastly I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Jane & my
executors & my friends Joseph Winston & Joseph Williams executors of this
my last will & testament. In ^{testimony} whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed my seal the day & date above written. -

Signed Seal pronounced &
declared in presence of
Samuel Mosby
John Lynch Jurat
Daniel Allen.

Robert Laniar

North Carolina Survey General August term AD 1786
John Lynch one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will &
testament of Robert Laniar, made oath that he saw the said Robert Laniar
sign publish & declare the same to be his last will & testament, that he saw
of said disposing said & money; and at the same time he saw Samuel
Mosby & Daniel Allen sign the same as witnesses. And ordered to be

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lent, as also all out standing debts be applyd towards paying my just
debts, and the overplus (if any) be equally divided among my wife & my
children. Lastly I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Jane & my
executors & my friends Joseph Livingston & Joseph Williams executors of the
my last will & testament. In ^{testimony} whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed my seal the day & date above written.

Signed Seal pronounced &
declared in presence of
Samuel Mosley
John Lynch Jurat
David Allen.

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John Lynch one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will &
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sign publish & declare the same to be his last will & testament, that he was
of sound disposing mind & memory, and at the same time he saw Samuel
Mosley, & David Allen sign the same as witnesses. And ordered to be
recorded. Recorded accordingly R. J. Williams, C. C.