Will: 19 Mar 1721/2

In The Name Of God, Amen. I, John Lillington, of the County of Bath, in North Carolina, Gent., being Sick and weak of Body, but of Sound & perfect mind & memory, and Calling to mind the Sertainty of death and not knowing when it may pleas the Lord to call me out of this life, do make, appoint and ordain this to be my last Will and Testtament, in maner and form following, that is to Say, after My Just & lawfull Debts are paid. Impr's. I give bequeath & Devise unto my Loveing wife, Sarah Lillington, three of my negro slaves, Named, Shippy & Jupiter, two men; and marya, a woman, to her proper use forever.

Item, I give, bequeath & Devise unto my Son, Alexander, one Thousand Acres Land being the one moiety of this parcel of Two thousand Acres of land whereon I now live, to be held of him, his heirs or assignes in fee simple forever.

Item, I give and Devise to my said Son, two of my Negro Slaves, Named Danger & Jack; also Tenn Cowes with Calves by their Sides, and Six Sowes and a Boar, and Six Ews and a Ram, all to be likely and good, and apair of hand mill Cullen Stones, and my large Family Bible, all to be delivered to my said Son, by my Executors hereafter named, when he shal attain to the age of Twenty one years, for his proper use forever.

Item, I give, bequeath & Devise unto my Eldest Daughter, Elizabeth, one of my Negrce Slaves Named Roas, a wench; also Ten likely good Cowes with Calves by their Sides, and One Feather Bedd, bolster and Pillow with a sute of Curten & Vallens, to be delivered to my said Daughter by me Exetrs. hereafter named, when she shall attaine to the age of Twenty one years or day of marryage, for her proper use forever.

Item, I give, bequeath, & Devise unto my Daughter, Mary, one of my Negro Slaves Named Judy, a Guirl; also Tenn Cowes with Calves by their sides to be likely & good; and one Feather Bedd, bolster & Pillows, with a sute of Curtains & Vallens, to be delivered to my Said Daughter by my Exec'tr hereafter named, for her proper use forever, that is to say, when she shall attain to the age of Twenty one years or day of Marryage. Item, I give, bequeath & Devise unto my youngest Daughter, Ann, one of my Negroes Named moll, a Guirl; also Tenn likely good Cowes with Calves by their Sides, and a Feather Bedd, bolster and Pilloes with a Sute of Curtains & Vallens, to be Delivered to my said Daughter by my Exesrs. hereafter named, when she shall attain to ye age of Twenty one years or day of Marryage.

Item, I give, bequeath & devise al the rest & Residue of my Estate not before mentioned and given (the better thereby to Inable my sd. wife to bring up my sd. Children in Schooling &c.) unto my afsd. Loveing Wife, for her proper use forever.

And lastly my will and desire is, that all my lawfull debt be paid out of the profits arriseing by the labour of my slave before nominated & given, and that they be kep together under the Care and ordering of my said Wife, and so to remaine untel all my debts be fully paid & discharged thereby.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my Loveing wife, Sarah Lillington, Maurice Moore, John Porter and John Bap'a. Ash, to be my Exers., Joyntly or Severally to doe and Execute all and every part of this my last will and testament. (Turn over) In Witness whereof, I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal, this 19th day of March, Anno. 1721/2.

John Lillington (Seal) ]

Signed, Sealed & Delivered, in presents of us: ]

Pat. Maule. ] Samuell Coopper. ] the mark of ] John I Tranter ]

No. Carolina. Beaufort And Hyde Preceincts, Sct.

At a court held for the said Precincts, at Bath Towne, on Teusday ye 2d. July, 1723. Pres't? Esqr. His Majesties Justices.

The Last Will and Testam't of Mr. John Lillington, dec'd, was by the Exors. therein named, Exhibited in this Court and proved by the oaths of Sam'll Cooper & John Tranter two of the Witnesses thereunto, who also deposed yt they saw Patrick Maule, the other Witness evidence the same. Ordered that notice be given to the Secretary of the Same & that it be Recorded. Jno. Bap'ta. Ashe, Cler: Cur: