

Being wholly resigned to the Will of God

I Gabriel I Johnston of Louisville in the County of Jefferson and State of Kentucky and being low and weak in body, but of sound disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament, My five acre lot in said town wherein I now live, with the improvements thereon I give and devise to my wife Loufield for and during her natural life, And at her death I give and devise the same lot with all the appurtenances unto my son Gabriel I Johnston jr and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item - I have purchased for my son Benth William Johnston a ten acre lot in said town, to be conveyed to him byerts Cosby, And I give and devise the same lot with all the appurtenances to the said Ben William and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item - I give and devise to my son Thomas Johnston and his heirs and assigns forever my corner lot adjoining the public square in said town with all the appurtenances.

Item - I devise to my said Wife all my Slaves and personal estate in trust, that she shall allot set apart and deliver to my son Ben William one third thereof as soon as he shall settle himself, and separate from the family, which third part I give and devise to him the said Ben William and his heirs and assigns forever. Also, that she shall allot set apart and deliver to my son Thomas

third part of my cattle, sheep and hogs, also a third part of my household and kitchen furniture and farming tools, my cupboard with all the crockery and glass ware that may be found therein with one dozen silver spoons, I give my Wife forever with a request that at her death she would divide them among my three youngest sons as a small memorial of their father. All the above loaned property it is my desire my Wife shall hold during her life or widowhood; but should she after her widowed state be marrying, in that case it is my desire that Glasgow be taken into possession by my Executors and hired out to the best advantage until my two sons Pierce and William arrives at twenty one years of age, at which time it is my desire that he may be sold and the money arising from the sale to be equally divided between my three youngest sons. At my wife's death it is my desire that all the above loaned property be sold and equally divided between Pierce William and Henry. Should either of them die before the come of age, it is my desire that the surviving ones should enjoy its part.

It is my desire that my Executors would by no means neglect the education of my three little sons, I leave it in their power to draw so much of the money I have left them as will be sufficient to defray the expense of their schooling, I mean as it is wanting from year to year. When they arrive at a proper age it is my desire that they may be put to some business by which they may be enabled to get their living. Out of any money belonging to my Estate I give my son Pierce, William and Henry Seven

hundred fifty dollars, which I request may be put into the hands
of my friend Mr Isaac Living with a request to him and of which
I have no doubt he will keep at interest to the best advantage
for their use, giving out should he be called from year to year, such
sums as he may be called on for for the use of schooling my chil-
dren and that he pay out to each one as they come of age one third
part of what may be in his hands, I give to my three children Eliza-
beth, Jane and Ambrose eight negroes, I give to Elizabeth, Andrew
and Nance which I have valued to eight hundred, fifty dollars
I give to Jane, Liddy, Keriak and Colby which I value at seven
hundred and eighty dollars - I give to Ambrose, Mary, Matilda
and little Liddy, which I have valued at seven hundred dol-
lars, I give to my daughter Jane one feather bed and furniture
and fifty dollars which I wish my Executors to pay as soon as
they can make it out of my Estate, I give my son Ambrose two-
hundred dollars which I request should be put into the hands of
my son Richard, with the negroes I have given him, with a re-
quest that he would put it out to the best advantage and
remit to him from time to time as he may see necessary for
his use - I give to my son Sarkin all accounts, bonds Execu-
tions &c that I have against him with all my clothes of
every description. After taking out of my estate what I have lent
my wife, with all the legacies above mentioned, whatever may
remain, either on bond, the sale of my estate or otherwise, it
is my desire should be equally divided between my son George
and Julius - Should Ambrose or Jane, either of them die before

may be called on for for the use of schooling my children and that he pay out to each one as they come of age one third part of what may be in his hands. I give to my three children Elizabeth, Jane and Ambrose eight negroes, I give to Elizabeth, Andrew and Nance, which I have valued to eight hundred, fifty dollars I give to Jane, Liddy, Kessiah and Colby, which I value at seven hundred and eighty dollars - I give to Ambrose, Mary, Matilda and little Liddy, which I have valued at seven hundred dollars. I give to my daughter Jane one feather bed and furniture and fifty dollars which I wish my Executors to pay as soon as they can make it out of my Estate. I give my son Ambrose two hundred dollars which I request should be put into the hands of my son Richard, with the negroes I have given him, with a request that he would put it out to the best advantage and remit to him from time to time as he may see necessary for his use - I give to my son Sarkin all accounts, bonds, Executions that I have against him with all my cloathes of every description. After taking out of my estate what I have lent my wife, with all the legacies above mentioned, whatever may remain, either on bond, the sale of my estate or otherwise, it is my desire should be equally divided between my son George and Sarkin - Should Ambrose or Jane, either of them die before they come of age, in that case it is my desire that the survivors enjoy their share, Should my old negro woman Liddy ever become a widow, I wish that it be paid by Ambrose.

son Gabriel, one third part of the said Slaves and personal estate which I give to him and his heirs and assigns forever, and also that she shall set apart and deliver to my said son Thomas one third part of said Slaves and personal Estate, which I give to him and his heirs and assigns forever. But my said Wife shall hold and retain during her natural life, my negro woman Laurenda and as much of my household furniture and said Slaves and personal estate as her conveniency and support shall require. Nor shall the Slaves of said Gabriel or Thomas be delivered to them before they arrive at lawful age or marry.

Item, All the rest and residue of my Estate I devise to my Executors herein after named or such as shall act in Trust to be sold on a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months and at such time as in the discretion they shall deem best and the proceeds of such sale or sales I give and bequeath to my said Sons their heirs and assigns to be equally divided between them. The sale of said lands shall be publicly advertised four weeks previous to such sale.

Item, It is my will and desire that my just debts shall be paid out of such debts as are owing to me and if the debts due me are not sufficient for that purpose, I direct that as much of the least valuable part of my property to my family be sold to make up the deficiency.

Item, It is my will and desire that when my son Gabriel does shall obtain Possession of the lot herein before devised to him then the same with the improvements thereon, not made by him

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and also the lot belonging to my son Benl William as aforesaid
and also the lot devised to my son Thomas and the improvements
therein not made by him, shall be valued by Commissioners ap-
pointed by the Jefferson Circuit Court - and that the valuation of
each lot as aforesaid, shall be made equal to each of my said son
out of estate.

Item All property hereinbefore given to my said Wife during her natural
life and remaining at her death, shall be equally divided between
my three sons aforesaid -

Item It is my will and desire and I hereby allow that my said
son Gabriel shall build for himself before the death of his mother
upon the lot hereinbefore devised to him, such house or houses as
his necessities or conveniences may require at such place or places
as will not interfere with the convenience of his said Mother -

Lastly - I hereby nominate and appoint my said wife Enfield
Johnston, Thomas Pather and my said son Gabriel Executors and
executrix of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking
all other Will or Wills by me heretofore made -

In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & affixed
my seal this twenty sixth day of April in the year of our
Lord, eighteen hundred and fifteen.

Signed, Sealed and published by the Testator
as and for his last will in the presence of us

Warden J. P.

J. S. M.

G. J. Johnston

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