

shall have and equal share in the same with the other four sons and I constitute and appoint my wife Rebecker and my son Joseph Bridges my executors to the my last will and testament revoking and disannulling all former gifts and bequests by me made ratifying confirming this and only this to be and certain my last will and testament the day and year first above mentioned signed sealed published declared and pronounced by the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of his

Test-

Jacob Furby

Richard ^{mark} Wilkinson
Jacob ^{mark} EdwardsBenjamin ^{mark} Bridges (seal)

Georgia

Will of Ashley Wood

Know all men by these present that I Ashley Wood of Jefferson County State aforesaid have made and ordained and by these present do make ordain constitute and appoint Solomon Wood of the same county and state my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to dispose of and sell all the lands of my property in Johnston County State of North Carolina which I inherited as heir of Newark Wood of Johnston County aforesaid deceased and to receive whatever sum or sums of money may be due to me from any person or persons in the said State of North Carolina and upon the sale and receipt of the same to make out and in my name to execute all necessary writings and receipts for the same and to take all such lawful steps relative to the aforesaid premises as I myself would or could do were I personally present in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eleventh day of November in the year 1797 in the twenty second year of American Independence.

Ashley Wood (seal)

Test-

Nancy Wood.
James Robison.
Turner Mason.

Will of Lovard Bryan

In the name of God Amen considering ye frailty of human nature and being very weak and in a low state of health tho sound minded and memory blessed be God for the same do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following

Item

I give and bequeath unto my brother Clement Bryan two lots of land in the city of Abenborough known as follows one fifty six and the other forty two to him and his heirs and assigns forever

Item

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Bryan nine negroes namely Charity and her two children Will, Barney, Abram, Clancy Blue and Penny also one half of my household and kitchen furniture plantations tools one half of my stock of sheep one half my breeding cattle one half my breeding hogs five head of horses namely Penny, H Gacket, Dunn mare and her two colts to her and her heirs forever. I also lend unto my loving wife Elizabeth Bryan the plantation where I now live with all the lands belonging to me adjoining the same during her natural life. I also impose my executors to sell the whole my land in ye western country and that ye money arising from the same to be equally divided between my said wife and my son Needham Bryan I also impower them to purchase negroes and land for my son if they shall think it best for his advantage I also give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Bryan after my just debts be paid one half of the money arising from the debts due me and the sales of the my stock they will and desire is that my executors discharge all my just debts out of the debts due me and sale of ye stock as above except produce that shall be collected the balance to be divided after paying my just debts to my said wife and son as aforesaid.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my said son Needham Bryan the whole of my estate both real and personal not already mentioned to my brother and wife Elizabeth to him and his heirs and assigns forever I also impower my executors hereafter to be named to make sale of the perishable part of my said son Needham Bryan estate to hire out the negroes annually seeing they are well clothed and not abused and sent out his land reserving ye timber growth for plantation use for the most they will bring & that

shall appear most to my said sons advantage and the whole the money arising from sales here and rents after discharging my just debts supporting my said son and be put out on interest - on bond with good security Lastly I affoint to this my last will and testament my brother Clement Bryan Benjamin Bryan and James Green sworke all other wills by me made and declaring this to be my only true last will and testament in witness to the said Lored Bryan hath hereunto set my hand and seal affixed my seal this 29th December 1797

In the presence of

Edith Watson
Sally ~~for~~^{to} Bridgers
Joseph ~~make~~^{mark} Green

Lored Bryan (seal)

Will of Amos Johnston
State of North Carolina
Johnston County

In the name of God Amen, second day of September Ano Domini one thousand seven hundred ninety seven I Amos Johnston of the county and state aforesaid being sick of body but of good sound and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God and calling to mind the uncertain estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yeald to death when it doth please God to call do make and constitute ordain and declare this my last will and testament in manner following sworkeing and making null and void all other wills and testaments by me made this only to be my last will and testament and none other to be of any effect and now for settling of my temporal estate and such goods and chattles as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I do ordain give and dispose of the same in manner and form following that is to say first I desire my body decently buried at the direction of my executors hereafter mentioned also I desire all my just debts to be paid.

Item

I send to my well beloved wife Mary Johnson the plantation where I now live containing two hundred and thirty six acres of land with the improvements during her life or widowhood at her death or marriage

Item

I give and bequeath unto my son James Johnson the same plantation lands improvements.

I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Mary Johnson one bed and furniture and two cows and their increase two new pewter dishes three basins and six plates one small iron pot and one bell metal skillet one new washing tub and pail and cans and one large glass bottle to her and her heirs forever all the remainder of my stock horses cattle hogs and sheep and beds and furniture and all my house hold furniture that is not before mentioned and plantation tools of all sort and all the utensils belonging to said plantations I send to my wife Mary Johnson during her life or widowhood and after her death or marriage I do give and bequeath the and all the same which I send to my wife and these increase to my son James Johnson to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my son Abel Johnston five shillings.

Item I give to my son Amos Johnston five shillings.

Item I give to my son Allen Johnston five shillings.

Item I give to my son Willie Johnston five shillings.

Item I give to my daughter Lucy Stevenson five shillings.

Item I give to my daughter Phoebe Matthews five shilling.

Also I give to my wife Mary Johnson all the ready money I am possessed with at my death to be at her disposal I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my sons Amos Johnston and Willie Johnston my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above mentioned

Witness
A Caraway
Amos Johnson
James Johnston
Mary ~~for~~^{mark} Johnson

Amos ~~mark~~^{for} Johnson (seal)