

(Amelia County to wit

I Jane Wilkinson of the County of Amelia do hereby renounce, refuse and disclaim all or any devise, provision, legacy or appointment which I can or may have right to claim by or under a written Will of my late husband John Wilkinson deceased dated the 18th of December 1773 and declare myself satisfied therewith; and therefore claim in stead thereof the dower and distributive share appointed for me by law Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of July in the year 1779

Witness Seal & Delivered

Jane Wilkinson &c

in the presence of

Wm Doswell

Wm Doswell

Thos Gunn

Stephen Wilkinson

In the Name of God Amen I John Ferguson of the parish of Raleigh and County of Amelia being in perfect health and sound Memory do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following to wit. . . . Imprimis I lend unto my daughter Ann Thompson seven Negro slaves namely Sue and her last Child, Andrew, Frank & Theby and Pabb now in her possession and Milly at my death, which said Slaves I lend her during her Natural life and at her death I give the said Slaves and their Increase to the Child or Children

Of my said Daughter and to their heirs forever.
I then I lend unto my daughter Lucy Hutchason seven
Negro Slaves namely Doll, Luchy, Jack, Sam, Frank & Jude
now in her possession & away at my Death which said Slaves
I lend her during her Natural life and at her death I
give the said Slaves and their Increase to be Equally
Divided among the Children of my said Daughter Lucy
and to their Heirs forever.

I then I lend unto my daughter Kesia Estis four Negro Slaves
namely Lucy now in her possession Diley, Sam & Jude which
said Slaves I lend her during her Natural life and at her
Death I give the Slaves Lucy and her Increase again to my
Granddaughter Lucy Estis the slave Diley and her Increase to
my Granddaughter Betty Ward this the slave Sam, to my Gran-
daughter Rachel Estis and the slave Jude and her Increase to
my Granddaughter Penima Estis to them and their Heirs forever.

I then I lend unto my daughter Mary Farmer four Negro Slaves
namely Frank and Sarah now in her possession, Kate and Joe,
which said Slaves I lend her during her Natural life and
at her death I give the slave Joe to my Grandson John
Farmer and the Slaves Frank, Sarah and Kate and their
Increase to be Equally divided among the other Children
of my said daughter Mary. Except her son Charles Farmer
to them and their heirs forever.

I then I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Ferguson
five Negro Slaves namely Joe, now in his possession, Mal
Luc, Abram and Matthew to him and his heirs forever.

I then I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Charles Farmer
one Negro Slave named Lenn, to him and his heirs forever.

I then I lend unto my son Richard Ferguson all my land in
the County of Prince Edward during his Natural life & at
his death I give the same to be Equally divided between
his sons Riler and John Ferguson to them and their heirs
forever. I also I lend unto my said son Richard five negro
Slaves namely Ralph now in his possession Aggy, Simon
Oliver and Andrew during his Natural life & at his death
I give the slave Ralph to his son Ward Ferguson and the Slaves
Aggy, Simon Oliver & Andrew & their Increase to be Equally divided
to

Between his three Sons Wm^d, Miles & John Ferguson to them & their Heirs forever But if my said son Richard should bring suit For any part of the Estate Willed to any of my other Children or Grand Children in this Will, then it is my Will that my Executors or in case of their death their Executors or Administrators do take possession of that part of the Estate which is left to him, and out of it to maintain his three sons and deliver the part allotted as above mentioned to them as they arrive to the age of Twenty one years,

Item I give & bequeath unto my Grandson Wm^d Ferguson one hundred Acres of Land to the same more or less beginning at the mouth of Rabbin Branch, thence up Flat Creek to the line on the Land where on Snow live thence along that line to Rabbin Branch thence down Rabbin branch to the beginning it being the Land whereon my Son Richard lately lived to him and his heirs forever

Item I give unto my Brother Wm^d Ferguson one Negro Slave named Swan during his Natural life and at his death, I give the said Slave unto my Grandson Absalom Farmer to him & his heirs forever. But if the said Slave should be sold or hired out during my said brother's life then my said Grandson shall have the same right to the said Slave as if my said Brother was Dead.

Item I give unto my Grandson John Hutchason one half of the Land whereon Snow live Adjoining the land of John Booker Jun^r and the other half I give unto my Grandson Absalom Farmer to them & their Heirs forever.

Item I give unto my Grandson John Hutchason one feather Bed & furniture the same bed that was Intended for my late Son Robert Ferguson. . . . Item I give unto my Grandson Billy ~~Ferguson~~ Hutchason one Negro Slave Named Esther to him & his heirs Forever.

Item all the remaining part of my Estate I leave to be Equally divided among all my Children herein before mentioned and I request the favour of some three Justices of the Court of this County to see the same fairly & Equally divided by lot as I desire my Estate may not be Appraised.

Lastly I constitute & appoint Abraham Ellis and Ambrose Hutchason Executors of this my Will In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this fourth day of Nov^r one thousand seven hundred & seventy Eight Signed sealed & published

In presence of
Richard Borum
John Booker Jun^r
Thos. ~~Self~~

John Ferguson