

*Wm Johnsons*  
*Will*  
In the name of God Brunswick County, Virginia Wills  
1751-1760  
www.virginiapioneersociety.org *William Johnson of Brunswick*  
being sick and weak but of perfect mind and memory prairie be therefore  
given to almighty God do make and Ordain this my last will and  
Testament In manner and form following that is to say First and  
principally I commend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God  
who gave it me Hoping through the merits Death and Passions of  
my Saviour Jesus Christ full and free pardons and forgiveness of  
all my sins and to Inherit Everlasting life and my Body  
I commit to the Earth to be decently Buried at the discretion  
of my ~~Executors~~ and Executors hereafter mentioned and as  
touching the Disposition of all such Temporal Estate as it  
hath pleased almighty God to bestow upon me I give and  
dispose thereof as followeth

*Item* I give and bequeath to my sons Nathaniel & Henry Johnson five  
Hundred acres of Land it being on the South Side of Quaker  
Swamp to be Equally Divided Nathaniel to have the lower part  
and Henry the upper part.

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Equally between them I also desire that my Son Nathaniel shall  
have all my Carpenters & Coopers Tools

Item I give and bequeath unto my two Sons William & Sampson Johnson  
the rest of my land upon Quarel Swamp to be Equally divided the  
lower part for William and the plantation and the upper part for  
Sampson and my negro fellow picks after their mothers decease  
for them to have the use of him Equally between them.

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Lucy four Hundred acres of land  
lying on the Rocky Run

Item I give & bequeath to my Son William one Bed & furniture and one  
Crosscut Saw

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Henry one Bed & furniture and one  
pair of Hilyards

Item I give and bequeath to my two Daughters Elisabeth & Rebecca  
Each of them one Bed & furniture

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah one Cow & calf and  
to my Son Sampson one Bed & furniture

Item I hold all the Rest of my Estate to my dear beloved wife after my  
Deaths as said during her life and then to be divided between my  
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Item I lend all the Rest of my Estate to my dear beloved wife after my  
Debts is paid during her life and then to be divided between my  
Six Youngest Children whom I likewise constitute make & in  
my wife Martha Johnson and my Son Nathaniel  
Johnson Executors and Recutors of this my last will and Testament  
In witness my Hand and Seal this 31<sup>st</sup> Day of August

in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred fifty eight.  
 Signed Seals & Delivered

in the Presence of us

Jesse Tatum

Richard Tarbrough

Elizabeth Tarbrough  
 mark

his  
 William W. Johnson (LS)  
 mark

At a Court held for Brunswick County the 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 1759

This Will was presented in Court by Martha and Nathaniel Johnson the Executors therein Named who made oath thereto according to Law, and the Same being proved by the oaths of Jesse Tatum, Richard Tarbrough & Elizabeth Tarbrough witnesses thereto was ordered to be Recorded, and on the motion of the said Executors who Entered into Bond with Amos Walton and Jesse Tatum their Securities in the Penalty of one thousand Pounds, Conditioned according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.