

God

In the Name of Amen I William Johnston of the Parish
of St. Mark in the County of Culpeper being Aged & Suffering but
of Mind & Memory and sound as Usual All Praise & Thanks to
Almighty God for the same, remembering that all men must
Die, and that my Existence in the World is precarious and
being desirous to make the best Disposition in my Power
of any Worldly Affairs before I go hence, Do make and
Obtain this my Last Will & Testament in manner
following that is to say, My Soul I recommend to the
mercies of Almighty God through the Merits of
Jesus Christ, to receive Pardon & Remission of all my
Sins. My Body I Commit to the Earth from whence I
came therein to be decently Interred at the Discretion of
my Surviving Friends. And as touching such Real
Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bestow
I Dispose of the Same in the manner following
Inprimis I Give & Bequeath to my Son John Johnston
his Heirs & Assigns forever the Land & Plantation which
he now lives, to be Divided from that whereon I now live
by the main Road so far down as to the Field which my late

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my Surviving Friends. And as touching such
Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless
I dispose of the same in the manner following
Inprimis I Give & Bequeath to my son John John
his Heirs & Assigns forever the Land & Plantation
he now lives, to be Divided from that whereon I now live
by the main Road so far down as to the Field which my said
son has on the South side of the said Road, & then leaving the
Road & running a straight Course to Mr. Pollards & dividing
so as to include my said land & Field in his Part

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Item The remainder of the Land & Plantation whereon I live,
I leave to my beloved Wife during her natural life, and
after her Decease, I Give & Bequeath the said Land &
Plantation to my son Robert Johnston his heirs & Assigns
forever I also give & Bequeath to my said son Robert
One Negro Boy named Joe, & one feather Bed & Furniture,
& one Cow & calf & the first Colt which shall come from my
Black Mare

Item

165. Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Mary Johnston one
Negro Girl named Lue and one feather Bed & furniture
Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Milred Marys one
feather Bed & furniture

Item All the Remainder of my Estate of what kind so ever
I have to my beloved Wife during her Natural Life and then
and after her Decease in Marriage, I Will & require that the
same may be equally Divided between my Children or their
legal Representatives the whole number of Representatives of
each, to be considered as the children of my Decease (as are
included) with this exception namely that my son John shall have
the Disposal of a negro Girl named Kate to which of my Daughters
shall think fit; and excepting also the lot of land which
I have of late purchased which I have sold to John
Carter which I give and Bequeath to my son Robert after the Decease
of his Mother

Item I hereby confirm and ratify all of the gifts & other things bequeathed
by me made to my Children & especially

Lastly I do hereby require that the said John & other Children of mine
made and do declare this to be my last Will & Testament
Testimony whereof I have signed this my last Will & Testament

Testimony whereof has been taken by me that the 12th Day
of June in the Year of our Lord 1768 On the said day in his
62nd & Sixty eight

Signed, sealed, Published & Delivered in his
in presence of

John Morgan

William Thornhill

At a Court held for the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia
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This last Will and Testament of William Johnston deceased exhibited
to the Court by Jane Johnston Relict & Widow of the said Decedent, was
proved by the Oath of John Morgan & William Thornhill two of
the Witnesses thereto & Ordered to be Recorded and on her Motion
Certificate is granted her for Obtaining Letters of Administration
with the Will Annexed she having sworn to the same and given
Bond of Security According to Law

Teste Roger Dixon. (th.)