

In the Name of God Amen, I Johnson Tabb of the County of Elizabeth City in the Commonwealth of Virginia being of disposing Mind and Memory, do make this my last Will and Testament in Form following: Whereas there is precise certainty of the Dissolution of the Soul from the Body soon or later in order to prevent any Attenuation or Doubt which may arise after my Decease, about my little Property real, and personal, it is a Duty highly incumbent on me to make a proper Disposal thereof: although many Brethrens to Wit and Learning will or may laugh at this Preamble they are to dance in the same Circle with me who will be soon forgotten in the Memory of Man, "for the Dead must return to the Earth, from whence it was taken by the Spirit to God who gave it" —

Imprimis, It is my Will, and desire that all the money owing to my Estate should be collected as Quick as possible and applied to the payment of my last Debt. And it is my further Will and desire that my Executor here after mentioned should expose to sale all my personal Estate Negroes, included and the Money arising from such sale to be applied to my Beneficial Debts. And It is my Will and desire that my Brother Henry Tabb should have the privilege of making use of my Oak Timber on my Shrub Land for the purpose of building & repairing on his Plantation, during my said Brothers, Life, Lastly I appoint my Brother Henry Tabb Guardian to my two Daughters Mary, Harwood, Tabb, and a little Infant in the Arms. And sole Executor to this my last Will, and Testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal, this 6 Day of January 1795 —

Signed Sealed / published
& declared to be the Testator's
last Will, in the presence of

Wm Smith

Mary Tabb

Elizabeth City County Court Sept 20. 1795 This Will was produced in Court and proved by the Oaths of William Smith a witness thereto subscribed and sworn to before me

John Moore Clerk

Johnson's Table

Will

Sept. 25-1795 from the same
to the same

Receipt

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