

Dobson
John

In the name of God amen I John Dobson of the County of Gloucester
and State of Virginia, being weak in body but thanks be to God of perfect
Mind and memory and knowing that according to the Course of Nature the time
is not very distant, when I must leave this world, do revoke all former wills
and make ordain and declare this to be my last will and Testament in the
words following to wit Item 1st It is my will and desire that first of all my
just debts may be paid out of whatever may be left. Item 2nd I lend to my
beloved wife Susan Dobson during her natural life the plantation wherein I
now live with a reasonable support of rail timber from my lands on the other side
of the Creek together with one third part of the whole of my household and kitchen
furniture, plantation utensils, Stock of all kind and one third part of the negroes
according to the number and Valuation. Item 3rd It is my will and desire that
my son Joseph Dobson may receive a liberal Education in Common
with my other children herein after named and that out of the rents of my lands
on the other side of the Creek there may be raised five hundred dollars for the
completion of his education as my Executors herein after named may think fit
Item 4th It is my will and desire that all of my lands on the other side of the
Creek be willed out and all of the negroes except the three willed to my wife
in the second item until my son Joseph Dobson arrives to the age of twenty
one years unless any one of my daughters herein after named should marry
before that time and in that event it is my will that all of my lands on
the other side of the Creek together with all my negroes Stock &c except what
is willed to my wife in the second item may be equally divided between my
four children, Rebecca Dobson, Martha Ann Dobson, Mary Frances Dobson
Joseph Dobson, which I lend unto them during their natural life and give
it to them heirs lawfully begotten of their bodies, but should any one of my said
children die before he or she is married it is my will that the part of the said

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of the creek together with one third part of the whole of my household and kitchen
furniture, plantation utensils, stock of all kind and one third part of the negroes
according to the number and valuation. Item 3rd It is my will and desire that
my son Joseph Dobson may receive a good neighborhood education in common
with my other children hereinafter named and that out of the rents of my lands
on the other side of the creek there may be raised five hundred dollars for the
completion of his education as my Executors hereinafter named may think fit
Item 4th It is my will and desire that all of my lands on the other side of the
creek be rented out and all of the negroes except the thirds willed to my wife
in the second item until my son Joseph Dobson arrives to the age of twenty
one years unless any one of my daughters hereinafter named should marry
before that time and in that event it is my will that all of my lands on
the other side of the creek together with all my negroes stock &c except what
is willed to my wife in the second item may be equally divided between my
four children, Rebecca Dobson, Martha Ann Dobson, Mary Frances Dobson
Joseph Dobson, which I lend unto them during their natural life and give
it to their heirs lawfully begotten of their bodies, but should any one of my said
children die leaving no child it is my will that the portion of the child so dy-
ing may be equally divided between those that may survive or their heirs.
Item 5th It is my will and desire that after my death every thing may be
kept together here and at my farm on the other side of the Creek when Mr.
Robins acts as overseer and that at the end of the year a sufficiency of corn
be at 1st to be reserved for a support my for my wife during the ensuing year and
the balance together with all of the stock household and kitchen furniture plantation
utensils &c be sold and the lands on the other side of the creek and the negroes be

disposal of as directed in the fourth item of this my last will.
Item 6th It is my will and desire that at the death of my beloved wife (Susan Robson) that
the lands left ^{for} during her life and when I now live together with the negroes and other pro-
-perty named in the second item of this will may be equally divided between my four
children, before named precisely in the manner named in the fourth item of this will
Lastly It is my will and desire that my friends Henry Manning and William Daniels
act as my Executors to this my last will and Testament and that the Court may not
demand of them any other security in their qualification in this my last will and
testament. In Witness of each and all of the things herein contained I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this first day of October one thousand Eight hundred and thirty
three - John Robson Dab

Signed and Seal

In presence of us

A Copper

Benjamin Rose

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At a Court held for Gloucester County at the Court house on
Monday the 2nd day of December 1863 This last will and Testa-
ment of John Robson deceased was shown in open Court by
the oath of Freeman Copper and Benjamin Rose two of the Witnesses thereto sub-
scribed and by the Court adjudged to be recorded and is recorded

Teste

Arthur L. Davis Clerk

A Copy

Teste Mo B. Gray P.C.

At a Court held for Gloucester County at the Court house on Monday the 6th day of
April 1868. This Copy of the last will and Testament of John Robson deceased.
The last of the P.P. was read in Court and the original and

act as my executors to this my last will and Testament and I do hereby demand of them any other security in their qualification on this my last will and Testament. In Witness of each and all of the things herein contained I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of October one thousand Eight hundred and thirty three -

John Robson *Rob*

Signed and Seal

In presence of us

A. Cooper

Benjamin Rouse

} At a Court held for Gloucester County at the Court house on Monday the 2nd day of December 1853. This last will and Testament of John Robson deceased was shown in open Court by the oaths of James Cooper and Benjamin Rouse two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed and by the Court adjudged to be recorded and is recorded.

Teste

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Arthur L Davis & Co

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Teste Geo B Cary & Co

At a Court held for Gloucester County at the Court house on Monday the 6th day of April 1868. This Copy of the last will and Testament of John Robson deceased attached by John B Cary Clerk was produced in Court and the original and the record thereof having been destroyed by fire in the City of Richmond in 1865 the same was on the application of Joseph Robson adjudged to be recorded anew and is recorded.

Test John Shawley & Co

In this my last will and testament, I do appoint my wife Margaret A. Rouse my

Prayer