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Benjamin
Johnson

Southampton County Will Book 2, 1762-1772

I Benjamin Johnson of Southampton County in Virginia being full
of mind & memory & calling to mind the uncertainty of this life & that it is appointed
for all men to die do think proper to make a last will & testament in manner & form following to wit

I Give devise & bequeath to my loving wife Mary these & the profit of my plantation
whereon I now live during her natural life or until she shall bequeath
the whole of what I am proprietor of & am thus part of all my moveable estate
after my death & legacies paid to her & her heirs

I Give devise & bequeath to my son Joseph Johnson my plantation & land
whereon I now live containing fifty five acres be the same more or less I also
give him my still & furniture to him and his heirs forever

I Give devise & bequeath unto my son Job Johnson that tract of land which
I took up and patented at the place called the Round Meadow containing
one hundred and fifty acres also an open spring which I have always
reserved to myself & am given to him and his heirs forever

I Give devise & bequeath to my son Stephen Johnson a negro young man called
Pross & am further due to him & his heirs

I Give devise and bequeath to my several children hereafter named all things
which I have already promised them in the above the said of which

I bequeath him with good Deeds to him and his heirs forever
 I Give devise & bequeath to my son Stephen Johnson a new young horse and
 a new saddle and bridle to him & his heirs

I Give devise and bequeath to my several children hereafter named all things
 which I have already bequeathed to him with also the sum of one shilling
 sterling viz. Jacob Johnson, Mary Garner, John Johnson, William
 Johnson, Anne Butler, Sarah Barret, Lydia Beal & my grandson Jeff
 Johnson & their heirs

All the remainder part of my estate of what nature it may be I Give and
 this part to my wife Mary & her heirs third, to be equally divided
 among my three children viz. Mary, Stephen & Henry & their heirs & lastly I
 do hereby appoint my son Joseph Johnson & my son in law John Beal
 to be my executor to this my last will & Testament as written, my hand
 & seal this 29th day of March 1764

Benjⁿ Johnson

Geo^y Washington
 James Josiah Holt

Notwithstanding the above is my last will &
 desire that my wife & heirs have the following particulars (to wit) all my crop
 of corn &c. &c. that is now growing or to grow for the ensuing year together with
 meat for the family &c. &c. also my whole man & cart & saddle & harness & other
 share of four of my horses & iron pot & rack all my plow & plowing gear with
 two barrels of salt & all my hog & fat & vinegar & my hand & feet &c. &c.

All the remainder part of my estate of what nature it is I give and
thrust part to my wife Mary. The other true third I bequeath to
my three children viz. Mary, Stephen & Henry. To their heirs & lastly I
bequeath the fourth part of my son Joseph Johnson & my son in law John Peel
to be my executors to their my last will & testament as written in my hand
I seal this 29th day of March 1764

Geo. Wright
George Washington
James Jorison Scott

Benj. Johnston

Notwithstanding the above it is my further will &
order that my said estate have the following particulars (to wit) all my crop
of corn &c. &c. that is now growing or to grow for the ensuing year together with
meat for the family &c. also my white mare & cart & saddle & harness &c. &c.
also of four of my hogs one Iron pot & all my silver & pewer &c. with
two barrels of salt &c. all my hogs &c. as written in my hand &c. &c.
I seal this 29th day of March 1764

Witness
Geo. Wright
James Jorison Scott

Benj. Johnston

At A Court held for the county of Southampton
the 12th day of Feb^y 1767. Present Geo. Wright

Whereunder written were presented In court by Joseph Johnson one of the executors
then named & sworn by the oath of Geo. Wright & by the solemn affirma-
tion of James Jorison Scott one of the people called quakers two of the

of the witnesseth. And as to be answer for the motion of the said executor
 whose name is according to law certification is granted him for obtaining
 of the said executor a full and true inventory of the said estate of the said
 deceased.

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Improvement

In the name of God amen I John Brown of Southampton county do make
 and give this my last will testament touching all my estate and by me
 I give the sum of £100 to my daughter Elizabeth Day for all her children both Foster
 & Day & to their heirs forever and negro boy named Perry to be equally
 divided amongst them all stand & be ratified.

Item

I give to my daughter Jane Brown two negro viz. Windsor & Abram for
 her use & work.

Item

I give to my grandson John Foster ten pounds current money for his use forever.

Item

I give to my grandson Peter Foster ten pounds current money for his use forever.

Item

I give to my granddaughter Mary Foster ten pounds current money for her use forever.

Item

I give to my granddaughter Sarah Foster ten pounds current money for her use forever.

Item

I give to my granddaughter Lucy Foster one cow & calf for her use forever.

Item

It is my Will & desire that my loving wife Olive Brown should have the
 of all the rest of my estate after my just debts & charges are paid during
 her life or widowhood & after her decease on day of marriage I give the great