

Samuel

Johnson's

Will

In the name of god Amen I Samuel Johnson of the parish of Kottoway and
County of Southampton being weak in body but of perfect & sound mind & memory
Thanks be given to Almighty God for the And calling to mind the mortality
of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men ~~once~~ to die do make and
ordain this my last will & testamen in manner & form following first &
principally I give & bequeath my Soul into the hands of the Almighty God
my Creator hoping through the merits of my blessed Jesus Christ to attain
everlasting life. And as for what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless
me with I give devise & dispose thereof as followeth

Item I give to my Son Giles Johnson all the land and plantation wherein
I now live containing One hundred Acres more or less within my bounds
as I have always hitherto held the same but not disturbing of his mother in
her Joint possess of the same during her natural life and my Crops Cut & Saw
and One feather Bed & furniture & no more besides what I have already given
him the same to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give to my Son John Johnson all that tract of Land which I purchased
of late of John Bowin in the pine woods joining on John Carr &
Simon Giles Johnson Land containing by estimation Seventy
Acres more or less and my hand Mill the same to him and his heirs forever

Item I give to my Son in law William Giv five Shillings current money &

and One feather Bed & furniture & no more besides what I have already given
him the same to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give to my Son John Johnson all that tract of Land which I purchased
of late of Young John Bowin in the pine woods joining on John Carr &
Simon Giles Johnson Land containing by estimation Seventy
Acres more or less and my hand Mill the same to him and his ^{heirs} forever

Item I give to my Son in law William Gwi five Shillings current money &
no more besides what I have already given him

Item I give to my Son Samuel Johnson five Shillings current money
Over and Above what I have already given And no more

Item I give my Son Simon Johnson five Shillings current money Over
and Above what I have already given him And no more

Item I give to my Daughter Mary Turner one Iron pot & my Iron
Saddle and no more besides what I have given her the same to her
and her heirs forever

Item I lend to my loving wife Mary Johnson all the rest and
remainder of my estate & of what she may receive or shall receive
to live on and to make use of at her discretion during her natural
life and after death I give it to my Son John Johnson & his heirs forever

Now my will & desire is that if my Son John Johnson die without heirs in that Case I give all the land & ^{personal} Estate which I have given to my Son John Johnson to my Son Giles Johnson after my wife's Death the same to him & his heirs forever

Now my will & desire is that if my Son Giles Johnson dies without heirs in that Case I give all the land that I have given to my Son Giles Johnson to my Son John Johnson & to his heirs forever after my wife's Death but in Case both my Sons, to say my Son Giles Johnson and my Son John Johnson both die without heirs in that Case I give all the land which I have given to my two Sons Giles Johnson & John Johnson to my Son Simon Johnson and to his heirs forever after my wife's Death

Lastly I do hereby make constitute ordain & appoint my loving wife Mary Johnson & my Son Giles Johnson my whole & Sole Executors of this my last will & testament Revoking & disannulling all other wills by me heretofore made & declare In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this Seventeenth day of May 1767

Signed Sealed published & Declared
in presence of us

Henry Pope &

Simon Harris

Hardy Pope

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Samuel Johnson (Seal)
mark

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 14th day

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Henry Pope
Simon Harris

Hardy Pope

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 14 day
of February 1779 This will was ~~proven~~ proved in Court

by the oaths of Henry Pope Hardy Pope the witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of John Johnson the executor therein named ^{to Qualify} living: refused who made oath According to law Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of Administration on the estate Samuel Johnson with the will Annexed giving Security whereupon &c

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In the name of God Amen This fifteenth day of February 1779