

The Last Will & Testament of Reese Johnson, dec'd.

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In the name of God, amen.

I, Reese Johnson of the State and County aforesaid do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner and form following: To wit, I, God, I command, my soul and my body to the earth in decent burial. And as regards my temporal estate I give & trust, that all my just debts be paid.

Second. I give my wife, Frances Johnson all my estate whether of land, negroes or other thing or things during her widowhood, if she marries she is to have one hundred and forty acres of land, more or less, upon I now live, and no more of the real estate, but a child's part of the balance of my estate during <sup>her</sup> life.

Third. So long as my wife has the use of all my estate, she is to maintain my children and educate them sufficiently to attend their business as farmers. When a child comes of age, they must leave the plantation if their mother wishes.

Fourth. At the death of my wife all my estate is to be equally divided among all my children.

Fifth. If my wife marries, I want all my estate sold except the land and negroes, and one equal share, or child's part given to my wife, the balance to remain at interest till the youngest child comes of age, the land to be rented and the negroes hired.

Sixth. I give my wife privilege to sell, buy and barter when the stock, crops, tools & furniture as may be beneficial, and not to the injury of the whole.

Seventh. When my children comes of age, if my wife can conveniently spare any thing, she has leave to give it, taking care to make all equal.

Eighth. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my wife Frances, ~~Jefferson~~ Executor, and Wm G. Johnson Ex<sup>r</sup>c<sup>t</sup> of this my last will and testament.

I authorize my wife to make and return to the court of Ordinary an inventory and appraisement of my estate, and to make no further returns.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal July 21<sup>st</sup> 1808.  
Signed, sealed & published and  
affixed in presence of: Reese Johnson, R.P.  
Census L. Ryan,

A. Muncie,

Thomas Gibson (Probate on next page).

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In the name of God, I, Thomas Gibson, do swear that you  
 saw ~~me~~ <sup>the</sup> sign, seal, publish and declare this  
 writing to be and contain his last will and testament  
 that at the time thereof, he was of sound disposing  
 mind and memory. And that he did it freely without  
 compulsion, to the best of your knowledge  
 so help you God. Thomas Gibson,  
A. Muncrief

Sworn to before us, the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
 November 1836.

Thomas Neal, J.S.C.  
 Wm. H. Blount, J.S.C.

Approved by the court Nov. term 1836  
 Admitted to record Novr. 7, 1836.

Attest, Patrick N. Madden, C.R.C.O.

Recorded November 23, 1836, by P. N. Madden, C.R.C.

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