

Jesse Johnson's Will

In the name of God Amen. I Jesse Johnson of the County of Ashe & State of North Carolina being weak & low in body, though of sound mind & memory do this 27th day July in the year of our lord 1838. make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form that is to say

Item 1. I give & bequeath my soul to Almighty God who gave it & my body to the dust of the earth from whence it arose

Item 2. I bequeath that of my property which I now possess that a sufficiency be appropriated to pay all my just debts after my funeral expenses.

" 3. I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Rachel all of my household & kitchen furniture which I now possess, together with one black man which I now own & also all of my stock of hogs, one cow & my sheep & to remain in full possession & privilege of my dwelling house & plantation where I now live during her own natural life or widow-hood as her part of my estate.

" 4th I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Joshua Johnson one third part of my smith tools & the same part of my gun stocking tools together with what he has heretofore had as his part of my estate.

" 5th I give & bequeath to each of my three daughters namely, Sarah Cornutt, Polly Gilly & Emilia Keller five shillings current money together with what they have heretofore had as their part of my estate.

6th I give & bequeath to my beloved son Evan Johnson one hundred acres of land which lies on the North side of my old tract where I now live together with one third part of my smith tools & the same part of

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my gun stocking tools as his part of my estate
" 7th I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Lino
Johnson my home tract of one hundred
acres of land where I now live after the death
or inter marriage of my wife Rachel Johnson
together with one third part of my smith
tools & the third part of my gun stocking tools
as his part of my estate.

After bequeathing all of my estate as above
I now appoint my son Joshua Johnson as
my sole executor to this my last will & Testament

I the above named Jesse Johnson do
hereby certify the above to be my last & only
will & Testament. Revoking all & every other
instrument of writing from the beginning
of the world to the above date, signed and
sealed in the presence of us.

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