

William B. Johnson's Will

I, William B. Johnson of the County of Ashe and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say that my Executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my Relations & friends. And pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts whomever owing of the moneys that may first come into his hands. as a part or parcel of my estate. I give and devise to my beloved wife Francis E. Johnson my possessions of land whereon I now live so as to include my mansion house all out houses and other improvements together with all the household furniture and stock of all kinds to have and to hold to her the said Francis E. Johnson for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for & in lieu of dower and thirds of all my real Estate. I do hereby constitute and appoint my Truly friend Joel E. Foster my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament. If any of my heirs shall not have attained the age of twenty one years upon the decease of their mother I hereby nominate and appoint my said Executor their Guardian and the sum of their estate during the remainder of their minority commending them to the care and protection of my Executor and I further give the power and authority to my said Executor to sell any of my personal or real estate and invest

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the provide. of the same as he may deem best for the
interest of my family to whose care I leave the discharge
of all my business to. at my death, hereby revoking
all the former wills by me made. In witness whereof
I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed
my seal the eighth day of October in the year
of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and
fifty five

Wm B Johnson *(Signature)*

The above written instrument was subscribed by the
said William B. Johnson in our presence and
acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the
same time published and declared the above
instrument to subscribed to be his last will
and Testament and we at the testators request
and in his presence have signed our names
as witnesses hereto.

William B. Johnson *(Signature)*
Thomas Foster *(Signature)*

State of North Carolina - Court of Pleas & Quarter
Ashe County 3 Sessions May Term 1856

J. Robert Gambell Clerk of the Court
of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Ashe
& State of North Carolina, Do hereby certify that the
within will was duly proven by the Oath of
William Blevins one of the subscribing witnesses
to said will and ordered to be Recorded

Sub.

Rob Gambell CCC