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In the name of God Ammen  
I John Johnson Sub. of the County of Chatham  
State of North Carolina being in the Eighty second  
Year of my age and in a low state of health but  
sound in mind & memory as usual thank be to God  
for it, - do make & ordain this paper writing to be my  
last Will & Testament in manner & form following my  
first that all my just debts be punctually paid.

1. Item I give & bequeath to my loving wife Sarah Johnson  
One feather bed bedstead & furniture One cow & calf  
her choice, - I loan to my loving wife as aforesaid my  
Negro man Israel during her natural life to be hired  
out amongst my children for her support, and after  
her death, I direct that said negro man Israel be sold  
and equally divided amongst all my children here  
after named. - I further give her Ten Dollars in money  
to keep her heirs forever.

2. Item I give & bequeath to my son Silas Johnson the  
Soch of Land wheron I am now living containing there  
about three hundred and eight acres more or less, also  
One bed bedstead & furniture which I give to him & his  
heirs forever.

4. Item I give & bequeath to my four daughters  
namely Elizabeth Wilson, Anna Johnson, Sarah Holloman  
& Penny Wim Three Hundred Dollars a sum to be paid  
to them by my Executor hereafter named out of my Estate  
which I give to them and their heirs forever.

5. Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Anna Johnson  
in addition to what I have heretofore given her One  
cow & calf her choice and to her brother One bed, bedstead  
& furniture and five sheep to her & her heirs forever.

6. Item - I give & bequeath to my son Silas Johnson  
in addition to what I have heretofore given him  
One cow & calf & five head sheep to him & his heirs forever.

7. It is my will to desire that the residue of my property  
that I have not heretofore given away be equally  
divided between my daughters sons (namely) Mary  
Oliver, Elizabeth Wilson, Ann Johnson, Sampson Johnson,  
Daniel Johnson, Sarah Holloman, Penny Wim  
John Johnson Sub. & Silas Johnson each to have  
and alio in said residue which I give to them & their  
heirs forever. - 8. Item And lastly I do hereby nominate

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constitute and appoint my two sons Dempsey Johnson and John Johnson Esq<sup>r</sup>. or either of them my Executor or Executrix to this my last Will & Testament, revoking all others by me made, & I acknowledge this to this only to be my last Will & Testament in manner & form as above stated. In witness whereof I the said John Johnson Esq<sup>r</sup>. doth hereunto set my hand & seal the seventeenth day of January One Thousand Eight hundred and Forty eight

As a witness  
William Vick

John Johnston Seal

Graham County February Session 1848  
I certify that the foregoing last will & testament of John Johnston aforesaid was proved in open Court by the oaths of Asa Wilson & William Vick the subscriber witness, seals annexed to be recorded before Sampson Dempsey Johnson <sup>one of the executors named</sup> appeared in open Court to say they were qualified & John Johnston the other executor therein named appeared in open Court & renounced his right to qualify — Test. McAdam C.C.

In the name of God Amen I Isaiah Brown of the County of Graham and State North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind & memory (before God) Do this fourth day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and forty two make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner following that is to say my will first is that all my just debts be paid 2. I bind unto my wife Jane Brown during her life time or widowhood all the land & plantation wherein I now lie, lying on the west side of the Hillsboro road that leads by Goodlow Bald place, on both sides of Hillsboro road I bind unto her during her life time or widowhood the following negroes, Namely One negro man named Harry One negro man named Dempsey One negro woman named Sylvester & One negro girl named Elizabeth. 3. I bind unto her all my household & Kitchen furniture to as much as she can proper to keep also as many of the plantation working tools as will be necessary for her use also 2 cows 10 calves 9 sows 2 pigs her choice of hams that may be on the plantation also as much pork or bacon as will last her & family One year of corn to last her one year ten Bushels to break crust, five pounds sugar fifty pounds coffee & other little necessaries that she may need for the year 4. I give & bequeath unto her one negro man named Caesar

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constitute and appoint my two sons Dempsey Johnson and John Johnson Esq<sup>r</sup> or either of them my Executor or Executrix to this my last will & Testament revoking all others by me made, & acknowledging this & this only to be my last will & Testament in manner & form as above stated. In witness whereof I the said John Johnson Esq<sup>r</sup> doth hereunto set my hand & seal the seventeenth day of January One Thousand Eight hundred and Forty eight.

Asa Wilson

William Vick

John Johnston Seal

Graham County February Sessions 1848  
I certify that the foregoing last will & testament of John Johnston Esq<sup>r</sup> was proved in open Court by the oaths of Asa Wilson & William Vick the abovesigned witnesses thereon sworn to be recorded before me Dempsey Johnson <sup>out the County</sup> wherein named appeared in open Court <sup>to say</sup> he was qualified & John Johnson the other Executor therein named appeared in open Court & renounced his right to qualify — Teste A. McAllister C.C.

In the name of God Amen I Isaiah Bennett of the County of Graham and State North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind & memory (before God) Do this fourth day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and forty two make & publish this my last will & testament in manner following that is to say my will first is that all my just debts be paid 2. I bind unto my wife Jane Bennett during her life time or widowhood all the land & plantation wherow I now live lying on the west side of the Hillsboro road that leads by Woodlawn Bald place, on both sides of Hillsboro road I bind unto her during her life time or widowhood the following negroes Negro man named Harry One Negro man named Dempsey One Negro woman named Sylvester & One Negro girl named Elizabeth. 3. I bind unto her all my household & kitchen furniture so as much as she can proper to keep also as many of the plantation working tools as will be necessary for her use also 2 cows & Calves 3 doves & pigeons her choice of hogs that may be on the plantation also as much pork or bacon as will last her & family One year & corn to last her one year ten Bushels to each servant, five pounds sugar fifty pounds coffee & other little necessary that she may need for the year 4. I give & bequeath unto her one negro man named Caesar