

In the name of God Amen, I John W Johnston, of the county of Chatham and State of North Carolina, being in feeble health of body but ^{sound} in mind and memory as usual Do ordain this paper writing to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following

To wit

Item first. I commend my body to the dust to be decently buried, at the discretion of my family and friends, and my soul to God who gave it

2^d Item: As regards my earthly possessions which a kind Providence has bestowed upon me I wish to dispose of them in the following manner, First That all my just debts be punctually paid, 2^d I leave to my loving wife Martha Johnston the Tract of Land where I now live together with all my household furniture farming utensils, stock of horses, cows, sheep, hogs, &c. With the exception of such implements, articles, or stock or property, as I shall herein specify to be sold during her natural life, and after ^{her} decease I wish the land and premises, together with all the above named property remaining on hand at that time, to be sold, and the profits of the same to be equally divided among the legal heirs of my Estate, that is my children, or their heirs

3^d I desire that my Tract of land in the County

of Wake known as the Howell Olive
Tract be sold by my Execution or
Executor hereafter named.

4th I also desire that my Stallion horse, Bill,
be sold, also my young gelding, Selam,
4 years old, also one Yoke of Oxen,
log boat and Chain the land and
~~and~~ property that I have specified to be sold
~~and the~~ profits arising therefrom, after paying
my just debts, I wish to be equally divided
among my children and my wife to have
a child's portion of the same. The foregoing
will show the manner in which I desire to
dispose of my property, and I hereby constitute
~~appoint~~ my loving wife Martha
Johnston my Executor, to ^{my} last will and
Testament Revoking all other wills by me made
and acknowledging this and this only to
be my last will and Testament in manner
and form above stated In witness I the
said John M Johnston doth hereunto set
my hand and seal this the Twentieth day
of April one thousand eight hundred and fifty
seven

Test
John M Johnston
Dempsey Johnson

John M Johnston Seal

August Term 1857

The execution of the foregoing last will and Testament of John
John M Johnston was then duly proven in open Court by the
oath of Dempsey Johnson a subscribing witness thereto and ordered
to be recorded whereupon Martha Johnston ~~therein~~
named Executor therein named appeared in open Court
and was duly qualified as such -

McCottrell & Co
" "

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Workman, of
the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and Memory, and considering
the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life
do therefore, ordain, Publish, and declare this to be
my last Will and Testament. That is to say first
after all lawfull debts are paid and discharged
The residue of my estate real and personal I give
bequeath and dispose of as follows I wit: to my
son Thomas Workman Forty acres of land where
he now lives, beginning at the white oak Spring running
South between the other two Springs opposite Son Maps
of woods thence West to the Knop, thence South
far enough to get the forty acres by coming east
to John Strouds line, to him and his heirs forever
to my Daughter Sally Crow, and her lawfull
heirs Forty acres of land, beginning at the Replan
Spring running up the hollow to the line of the
heirs of Martha Patterson to a hickory blowed up
thence north to a white oak thence East far enough
to get the Forty acres by running South to Samuel
Baldwins line, thence West course back to the Replan
Spring, The balance of this Tract I also give
to my Daughter Sally her lifetime should she
die without a lawfull heir of her body, then what
I have willed to her, is to be equally divided between
my son Thomas Workman, Naty Lewis, Selvy
Williams and Elizabeth Hargers heirs, to them
and their heirs forever, to my Daughter Naty
and the lawfull heirs of her body, a portion of
land joining Samuel Baldwin beginning at his
corner running South to a hickory corner
thence ~~East~~ to a black oak thence North
opposite Baldwins corner, thence West