

then in Newbern, but that he never saw any will nor does he know any certainty of it or what it might contain. Sworn to in open Court and transcribed by order of the Court. October Term 1795.

Test. W^m Dickson C.C.

State of N^c Carolina } October Term 1795.
Duplin County }

The within noncupative will of John Johnston deceased was taken from the mouth of Sundry (persons) as within named in open Court and ordered to be Recorded. And at the same time James Wright and Edward Peasall two of the County Wardens for the County of Duplin, came before the Court, and prayed for Administration of of the said deceased Estate agreeable to the will of the said deceased which was granted, they having bond according to law, and qualified as administrators, and letters were issued accordingly with a copy of the within will annexed thereto.

Test. W^m Dickson C.C.

In the Name of God Amen, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirtieth, that I Thomas Johnson of the State of North Carolina Duplin County being sick in Body but of good and sound memory thanks be to allmighty God, and calling to Remembrance the uncertain state of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield to death when it shall please God to call, do make constitute and ordain this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following revoking and annulling by these presents all and every Testament, will, and wills heretofore by me made heretofore made either by word or writing and this to be taken for my last will and testament and now for the settling of my Temporal Estate and such goods Chattels and debts as it hath pleased God above my debts to be paid

upon me. I do now give and bequeath unto my sons, Benjamin and Sloan Johnson all my property real and personal to them the said my two sons Benjamin Johnson and Sloan Johnson as aforesaid and to them their heirs for ever to hold occupy possess and enjoy without any manner or? ^{let?} of any Person or persons whatsoever and I will that the said Benjamin and Sloan Johnson my my only sons as above do support and maintain their mother Jane Johnson during her life given under my hand and seal as my last will and Testament this 9th day of January 1813, as above and that my son Benjamin Johnson as aforesaid be whole Executor to this my will and Testament. Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of, Test. John R Powers. Sloan Johnson.

Thomas ^{his} Johnson Seal.

State of N^c Carolina } July Term 1814.
Duplin County }

There was the within will proved in open Court in due form of Law by the oath of John R Powers one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, And at the same time Benjamin Johnson the Executor named in the said will came before the Court and qualified as an Executor thereto according to law. And that letters issue accordingly.

Test W^m Dickson C.C.

In the Name of God Amen I Hannah Johnston of the State of North Carolina and County of Duplin widow and Relic of Benjamin Johnston deceased. Being very sick and weak of Body but of perfect mind and Memory calling to mind the mortality of my Body, knowing that it is appointed for all men and women once to die. do make and ordain this my Last will and Testament. Herby Revoking all other will or wills by me made and so publish this and declare to be my Last will and Testament. But first of all I recommend my Soul to God that gave it as to my

body. I recommend to the Earth to be Buried in
such Christian Like and Decent manner as the
persons hereafter named shall order and direct and
as to my worldly Estate Real and personal of which
I am now possessed of. I dispose of the same in
manner and form following that is to say I
leave and bequeath to my son John Johnston Senior
the plantation I now live on the S^d plantation
granted me by and from William W^o Rye provided all
beings that my said son John shall and will give or
cause to give to my two Daughters Elizabeth Johnston
and Hannah Johnston Three hundred acres of Land
to the S^d Elizabeth Johnston and Three hundred to the
S^d Hannah Johnston Three hundred to Beat Stover
Creek Lickmore Three hundred acres of the land
belonging to or joining this plantation where it may
be thought most convenient by select men for that
purpose and if in case my S^d son John shall
faithfully perform and give S^d Lands as above said
then I do order and my will is that my S^d son shall
have full Rights and claim to my plantation where
I now live but in case of failure on his part of
giving the Lands to my S^d Daughters Elizabeth and
Hannah above said then I order and my will is that
my S^d Daughters Elizabeth and Hannah shall have
my plantation to be divided between them share &
share alike and father I do order and my will
is that my Third be divided between them share
and share alike Gifting three cows and calves to
be given to other three children one apiece. But be
it remembered that in case my S^d son shall perform
the within Bargained Lands then I do order and my will
is that my S^d son shall have an Equal part of my
thirds for the same making and performing of the
within. I have hereunto set my hand and seal
as my Last will Testament in presence of those
whom saw me sign, seal and deliver this as my
last will and Testament. — 10th 1777. W. B. Mywill

is that my three Grandchildren may get a too year
old high apiece and to Hannah matchet, and to
Hannah Carr and to Adness Murdock. David Murdock
John Johnston, Cha Ward.

Hannah Johnston

State of N^o Carolina } January Court 1783.
Duplin County } Then was the within will
proved in open Court by the oath of David
Murdock and Charles Ward, Two of the subscribing
Evidences thereto &c. Ordered the same be filed.
Thos. H. Dickson. C. C.

State of N^o Carolina } This day James Wilkinson
Duplin County } of the County of Cumberland and State of Maryland
came before me one of the Justice of the peace
for said County and made oath on the Holy
Evangelist of almighty God on Sunday the Fifth
day of this inst. That Jesse Jones being sick
told this deponent that he had a negs woman
named Cato near Newburn which was Ranaway at
that time and a certain man not remembering
his name was to have the service of her ten
months for catching her and after the expiration
of ten months when Connorsly was to take possession
of her the said negs woman Cato and keep her
until he called for her it was his wish that if he
never called for her that Sam Connorsly was to keep
her for he had rather he would have her than
any other person the above being sworn to before
me this 9th day of September 1815. James Wilkinson.
James Wright J. P.

State of N^o Carolina } October Term 1815.
Duplin County } The within Recupative will
of Jesse Jones deceased was proved before James
Wright Esq. by James Wilkinson subscribing witnesses
thereto and handed into Court by the said James