

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 Leguath to my son John Johnston Senior the plantation I now live on the S^d plantation granted me by deed from William M^r Ree provided all ways 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 Stevens Creek Likewise 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 sd son John shall faithfully perform and give S^d Lands as above said then I do order and my will is that my sd 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 further I do order and my will is that my thirds be divided between them share and share alike Excepting three cows and calves to be given to other three children one apiece. But in 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 sd 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. My will

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

Hannah Johnston

State of N^c 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.
Jas. H. Dickson. C. C.

State of N^c Carolina }
Duplin County } This day James Wilkinson 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 Tuesday the Fifth day of this inst. That Jesse Jones being sick told this deponent that he had a negro woman named Cato near Newbern 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 lawfully was to take possession of her the said negro woman Cato and keep her until he called for her it was his wish that after never called for her that Owen Connolly 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 Wright J.P.

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

Wright Esq and ordered to be Recorded. And at the same time it was ordered by the said County Court that Owen Connorsy have letters of Administration of the Estate of the said James Jones deceased, with a copy of the said nuncupative will annexed thereto.

Test W^m Dickson C.C.

State of North Carolina } March 6th 1827.
Duplin County

In the name of God Amen. I Rebecca James of the State and County aforesaid being of an infirm State of Body but of sound mind and memory do make constitute and ordain this to be my last will and Testament, and by these presents do disannul all former wills Testaments &c and I assign my soul to the merciful hands of God who gave it, and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executor &c. and as to the worldly Property with which it has pleased God to bless me I give and bequeath in the following manner viz: First I give and bequeath unto my beloved mother Mary James, my following named negro slaves (to wit) Joe Willy and Chole during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided with the increase of the above mentioned female slaves, between my nephew and niece John Graham and Mary Eliza Stephens and their heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my mother my mare, leather bed and furniture during her natural life and after her death my will is that my beloved Brother Gabriel H James have my mare & my niece Rebecca James my bed. Secondly. I give and bequeath unto my beloved nephew James Tachy one hundred dollars to be raised by the hire of negroes for also my just debts to be paid by the hire of said negroes. I appoint and request my nephew James Tachy to be my Executor to this my last will and Testament the day and date aforesaid. Signed sealed and

acknowledged in presence of J. Graham & Morgan.
R. James (Seal)

Duplin County } April Term 1827.
There was the within will proved in open Court in due form of law by the oath of Brown Morgan and at the same time James Tachy the Executor named in the will qualified as such. Ordered that letters issue.

Test Jas Parsall Clk.

In the name of God, Amen, I Benjamin Johnston of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory and taking into consideration the uncertainty of this life have thought proper to make and confirm this as my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other. (Imprimis) I resign my soul into the hands of that almighty Being, who gave it, and my body to the earth, to be decently interred according to the direction of my Executor, herein after named. (Item 1st) It is my will and desire that all my property that is to say my Land on which I now live, lying on each side of Turkey Swamp together with my negroes Charles, Luv, Bett, Wither & Moses. Cattle, Sheep and Hogs, my House hold and kitchen furniture and farming utensils, shall be sold by my Executor they giving such credits as they may think proper. (Item 2) I also give and bequeath to my Brothers John, Ambrose, James, Robert and William Johnston or their heirs, one dollar each and no more. (Item 3) I also give and bequeath to my Sisters Francis, Sytha, Jane and Rachel or their heirs one dollar each and no more. (Item 4) I also give and bequeath unto Ann Owens daughter of Lewis Ryall, one dollar and no more. (Item 5) I also give and bequeath to Buorly Ryland, one dollar and no more. (Item 6th) I do hereby give and bequeath unto Eliza James, my negro boy John. (Item 7th) The residue or