

memory that it is appointed for all men once to die. I do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following. First of all I Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave and my Body to be Buried in a Christianlike manner at the discretion of my Executors which I shall hereafter appoint. Expressing I leave to my Beloved wife during her life time Elizabeth Jones all my house hold furniture to support upon and raise my children and give them Reasonable good schooling not less than ten years apiece and if that is not sufficient, as much more as my Executors shall think sufficient for common learning and at her death Equally divided between my two sons John and Lewis Jones and the place where I now Live to be sold and the money said out to purchase another place as good as my Executors can get for that money as I dont want them to stay here and that Land at my wife death to be sold and the money Equally divided between my two sons before mentioned and as much of my Estate to be sold as will pay all my debts and charges, and all my Estate all my wife death to be Equally divided between my two sons John and Lewis Jones to them and theirs for ever. I also leave my Brother in Law Leffen Warley and Thomas Shelton Executors to this my last will and testament, and I do hereby acknowledge this to be my last will and testament in manner whereof I John Jones have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 13th Day of June 1796. Signed Sealed and declared in presence of us. W^m A Houston George Mills.

State of N^o Carolina }
Duplin County } John ^{his} Jones ^{last} Seal
October Term 1796.
This was the within will exhibited into court and proved in due form of Law by oath of William Ann Houston one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same time Leffen

Warley and Thomas Shelton the Executors named in the said will came before the court and qualified according to law.

Test. W^m Jackson C.C.

Duplin County. The Noncupative will of John Johnston (of Benewat) deceased, taken in court the 20th October 1795. from the testimony of sundry witnesses is as follows, to wit. Thomas Shelton being sworn, sayeth. That sometime last winter (as well as he remembers) he heard the said John Johnston (now deceased) say, he intended if he died without making any will in writing that all his Estate except his Land, should be sold after his death and that the monies arising therefrom should be laid out to purchase Lands; and those lands so purchased, together with the Lands he then possessed should be rented out yearly, and the monies arising from those rents should be applied for the use of the Poor in Duplin County. Mrs Burks a woman who attended the said John Johnston in his sickness being sworn sayeth that she had often heard him say that he intended all his Estate after his death should be for the use of the poor in Duplin County, and particularly in his last sickness a few days before he died she mentioned to him that she thought it would be proper for him to settle his affairs concerning his living, to which he replied and said "What have I to settle for no person has anything to do with my affairs when I am dead but the County Wardens of Duplin. Milla Mumford being sworn sayeth. He has frequently heard John Johnston say that when he died he would leave all he had to the use of the poor in Duplin County and that he had heard him say as very lately before his death but that he had formerly heard John Johnston say in the time of the war that he had made a will which he left in possession of some person

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John ^{his} Jones ^{mark} Seal
 State of N^o Carolina } October Term 1796.
 Duplin County } Then was the within will exhibited into Court and proved in due form of Law by oath of William Ann Houston one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same time Leffin

Warley and Thomas Shelton the Executors named in the said will came before the Court and qualified according to law.

Test. W^m Dickson C.C.

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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? till? 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 Relix 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