

son Joshua Lee one horse Cator to my next
 eldest son Thomas Lee one horse Cator and
 also I give unto my five daughters Sarah Lee,
 Elizabeth Lee, Ann Lee, Mary Lee, Dorcas
 Lee five Shillings a piece. And I also give
 the rest of my property to Ann my wife
 during her lifetime or widowhood and then the
 land to be equally divided between the three youngest
 boys Reuben Lee, Joseph Lee, Benjamin Lee.
 This and no other to be my last will and testament
 in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal the day and year above written. James
 Newton, Elisha Powell, Jesse Lee.

State of N^c Carolina }
 Duplin County }
 There was the within will proved in Court by the
 oath of James Newton and Elisha Powell two
 of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Ordered to
 be Recorded and filed in the Clerks office.
 Test. W^m Dickson, C.C.

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph James of
 Duplin County and State of N^c Carolina, being sick
 and weak of body but of sound and perfect memory thanks
 be to the Almighty God for the same, and calling to
 mind the mortality of my body and that it is
 appointed for all men once to die, do make ordain
 constitute and appoint this to be my last will and
 testament, that is to say. first of all I commend
 my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave
 it and my body to be buried in a decent Christian
 manner at the direction of my Executors nothing
 doubting but that I shall at the day of resurrection
 receive the same again by the mighty power of God,
 and as to this worldly estate which it hath pleased
 Almighty God to bestow on me, I give and dispose of
 the same in the following manner and form that is

to say. First of all I Give I Lend to my beloved
 wife Elizabeth James, the house and plantation
 whereon I now live together with all and every
 thing else I possess under the sun. During her
 natural life or widowhood, and after her decease
 I turn I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Sutton one
 Shilling sterling - I likewise give my daughter Mary
 Slaughter one Shilling sterling. I likewise give
 to my daughter Rebekah Moon one Shilling
 Sterling. Item. I give unto my son Elias James
 one Shilling Sterling. I likewise give unto my
 daughter Margret James one Cow and calf. Item
 I give unto my daughter Rachel James one Shilling
 Sterling and all the rest of my goods and
 Chattels. I give unto my son Charles that is to
 take care and maintain his mother during her life
 or widowhood who I also appoint my whole and
 sole Executor of this my Last will and Testament
 this 28th day of July 1781. Signed, Sealed, Published
 Pronounced and delivered as my last will and
 testament in presence of us. Joseph Williams. John
 Williams. Robert Knowles.
 J. James

State of N^c Carolina }
 Duplin County }
 There was the within will proved in due form of
 Law by the oath of Joseph Williams one of
 the subscribing witnesses thereto.
 Test W^m Dickson C.C.

October Court 1782.
 Charles James Executor of the last will and testament
 of Joseph James deceased came into Court and
 qualified by taking the oath of an Executor according
 to Law. Ordered that Letters issue accordingly.
 Test. W^m Dickson C.C.

I Joseph James of Duplin County, Planter being
 weak in body but sound of mind and recollecting

the uncertainty of this life do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say. First I most earnestly recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it hoping for a favorable reception into the mansions of Eternal Bliss through the merits of my mediator and savior Jesus Christ and my body devoutly intrust at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named. Next my will is that my son William Johnston have all the land of the three hundred and twenty acre survey that lies below the mouth of the Big Branch Squan to the line on the other side of Buckskin and on this side of Buckskin up the Big Branch on the lower side of it to the upper end of the new clearing to the line where it crosses the Big Branch. Next my will is that my son Robert Johnston have the Big survey of one hundred and twenty five acres and one hundred acres to be taken off the new Entered Land that I give most convenient. Next my will is that my son James Johnston have the manner plantation with all the improvements and all the rest of my lands that is not willed. Next my will is that all my personal property to be and remain together with the Family untill all the debts are paid then all and every part of it to be divided between my four Daughters Susannah, Jane, Sarah and Lizabeth. Except two cows and calves the mare and colt and side saddle and a Loom are for Susannah one and above the other girls. And if my Executors should be oblig'd to make use of any of the personal property in discharging of my debts my will is that the said property should be valued and my son William Johnston to pay the one half of the valuation and my son James Johnston the other half and that sum to be divided equally between my four Daughters. And lastly I constitute and appoint

John Robinson, Charles Ward and Edward Pearce. Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and disavowing all former or other wills. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of September 1794. Signed Sealed published and declared to be the last will and Testament of Joseph Johnston in presence of Cha Ward, Edw Pearce, John Johnston.

Joseph Johnston ^{his} mark
 State of N^o Carolina } Duplin County } Jan^y Term 1802.

Thus was the within will proved in open Court in due form of Law by the oath of Edw Pearce one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same time Edward Pearce one of the Executors named in the said will came before the Court and qualified according to Law. Grand Jurat Litteris inu accordingly.

Test. W^m Robinson C. C.

In the name of God Amen I James Johnston of the County of Duplin in the State of North Carolina being very sick in body but of perfect sound disposing mind and memory and knowing that it is once appointed for all men to die, do hereby make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. First I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits of Christ to obtain Eternal Salvation and my body I recommend to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named. Next I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane Johnston the third of my lands together with the house where I now live, during her natural life. I also give and bequeath to my wife Jane Johnston all my personal Estate excepting the price of my bay mare as is herein after signified, that is to say all my personal