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In the name of God Amen I Benjamin  
 Johnson of Wexcombe County being in my perfect mind and  
 memory thanks be given to Almighty God first and calling to  
 mind that it is appointed once for all men to dye I do make  
 and Ordain this my Last Will & Testament as for my soul  
 I recommend to God And my Body to the Buriall to be buried at  
 the Discretion of my Executors and friends And as for my worldly  
 Goods I Give and Dispose in form and manner as followeth  
 That is to say I Give and bequeath to my Son Benjamin  
 One Gray Horse called Shaver Breeds & saddle also One Cow  
 calf that is now called his also two Sows & Pigs also One  
 Dish and Basin and plate & three spoons also five pounds  
 Money of this Province I do bequeath to my beloved wife  
 Ann the Mannour plantation whereon I do now live  
 during her natural life and after her death I do Give to my  
 Son Benjamin Johnson also at the age of Eighteen years  
 he may have a liberty to sell also One Copper Dish and  
 Basin Plate and three spoons also it is my desire that  
 he may have five pounds Money of this Province to be  
 given at the Discretion of my Executors also it is my desire  
 that my Wife Benjamin should have by selling & mortgaging  
 money of Great Britain also my Daughter Ann Liberty  
 to sell & mortgaging money of Great Britain also my Daughter  
 Mary Liberty to sell & mortgaging money of Great Britain  
 also my Wife Benjamin should have by selling & mortgaging  
 money of Great Britain I do bequeath to my beloved wife  
 the Remainder of my Household Goods & Chattels during her  
 life afterwards to be equally divided amongst the remainder  
 of my children excepting Ann's share And that I do  
 hereby do constitute also I do appoint my Son Benjamin  
 my beloved wife Ann my whole Executors of this my Last  
 Will & Testament And I do hereby give full power  
 unto the said Executors of the said last Will & Testament  
 to do all such things as they shall think fit to do in and  
 about the premises

Recourbe Burye. October Superior Court 1763

The Within Last Will & Testament of Benjamin Johnson deceased was Exhibited in Court by the Executors. And read by the Clerk of John Minnaut & John Tolk the subscribing Witnesses there And at the same time the Executors Qualified according to Law Ordered that the same be Collyed And that the Will be Read  
Jost L. S. Hall

In the Name of God Amen

In the Name of God Amen the twentieth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord MDCCLXIII I John Cotton of Newcomb County being very sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind & Memory thanks be to God for the Grace & Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body And knowing that I is appointed for all Mankind to Die Do make & Ordain this my Last Will & Testament that is to say Principally & first of all I Give and Recommend my soul into the hands of God that Good God And for my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the Direction of my Physicians Nothing doubting but at the Good Pleasure of God I shall receive the same again by the Mercy of God And touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I Give devise and Dispose of the same in manner and form following that is to say I Give all my Estate to be sold & after all my Debts are paid I Give and bequeath to my dear & beloved Wife Alice Cotton all the Remainder of my Estate to move her Children upon I make & Ordain & appoint my dear & beloved Wife Alice Cotton my only & sole Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament To have fully utterly & lawfully receive and Disburse all and every other former Testaments Wills & Assignments Hedges and other things in any manner copied the Underwritten & to give publick Testifying and confirming the same And other things my self & my Executors & Testaments to