

Joniah Nelson will

In the Name of God Amen. I Joniah Nelson of Halifax County do make & ordain
this my last Will & Testament in the following manner I give unto my Wife Chen Hairs for Ever re-
gardless how long and Girl Mary & one bed & Furniture. It is my Will & Wish that all my Property
should remain together as heretofore, and all Profits after paying necessary charges & Support of
my Wife children & mother are paid (which first to be furnished) to be applied to the education of
my children only when my Son Jeremiah arrives to 21 years of age he to receive such part of
my Estate as hereinafter given to him & my other children as they come to twenty one years of
age to receive in same way. Such part as I hereafter give each of them I give unto my Son
Jeremiah all that tract of Land called the old plantation whereon is the Scotland Neck Turf
together with another tract adjoining called the meeting house. Both lots making about four hundred & fifty
Acres. The Tract of Land Jones. Pair Sons on. & also my Will Seat containing about 10 acres with the
mill thereon & all appurtenances hereunto belonging & also my Right Title & Interest to the Land
lately recovered of James Higgs lying on the South Side of Cyprus Swamp adjoining the Land
of John Young to him & his heirs for Ever provided he arrives to twenty one years of age. If not
then I wish all the said Lands given to him my Son Jeremiah to go to the Property of my Son
William Joniah if living. If not to go to & belong to my Daughters if both living. If not in same
way to the Survivor but should he die without leaving a brother or Sister of full blood to him
I then wish & it is my Will that the said Lands as given to him my said Son Jeremiah shall go
to & belong as follows. Two thirds to Joniah Wilson & one third to Harriott Wilson & their heirs
for Ever in same way as if the contingency had taken place. And I also give unto my Son
Jeremiah & his heirs for Ever provided he arrives to twenty one years of age. Negroes old
Larrie, Nelson Britt, Chappin and my Will. In case of his death before he arrives to twenty
one years of age said Negroes & Will to go to & belong to my Daughters if both living. If
not to the Survivor. I give unto my Son William Joniah the Land & Plantation whereon

320) I now live with all buildings & appurtenances thereto belonging, also a tract of Land
on the north Side of Kehukah Swamp lying between the roads leading to Stony Leeds &
Edwards Ferry, & also all my Land lying in Pasture Creek to him & his heirs for Ever
provided he arrives to twenty one years of age, and if not to go to & be the Property of
my son Jeremiah if living if not to my Daughters if living or the Survivor But should
he die without leaving a Brother or Sister of full blood to him Then I wish & it is my
Will that all the said Lands given unto my son William Josiah as well as any he may here by
death or his Brother to go & belong as follows Two Hundred to Josiah Wilson & one Hundred to William
Wilson & their heirs for Ever in the same way as if no contingency had taken Place And
also I give unto my son William Josiah & his heirs for Ever provided he arrives to Twenty one
years of age Negroes George, Tom & Minerva but should he die before he arrives to Twenty
one years of age said Negroes to be the Property of my Daughters or the Survivor I give
unto my Daughter Mary her heirs for Ever Negroes Wilda, Minerva & Elbert I give unto
my daughter Sally her heirs for Ever Negroes Peter & Vinny I give unto my wife & my Daughters and
their heirs for Ever to be equally divided between them all my Negroes not herein before given I give
unto Sally Armistead daughter of Robert Armistead one hundred dollars I give unto Mrs. M.
Clarke Fifty Dollars It is my wish that my Executor shall as soon as may be after my death
sell all my Property real & personal (Claims against my mother excepted) of every description
not herein before given away in such manner as he may think proper & I do hereby empower
him to do so & the Proceeds thereof to pay the Debts I have given to S. Armistead and to
Mark & discharge of my Debts I do hereby fully Empower David Clark & Thomas Barron
to give up to my Mother all the Bonds Notes & Claims of every Description I have or
may have against my mother provided she will give & make a good right & Title to Such of
my Children as she may choose for as many Negroes as will amount to said Bonds and
Claims at a fair Price or at such Price as they the said Clark & Barron may agree for
with my mother It is my wish & Will that David Clark shall have the full direction &
management of my son Jeremiah & request him the said Clark to attend particularly

the other side

Will continued from the other side

Marko Fifty Dollars. It is my wish that my Executor shall as soon as may be after my death sell all my Property real & personal (Claims against my mother excepted) of every Description not herein before given away in such manner as he may think proper & I do hereby empower him to do so & the Privilege thereby to pay the Legacies I have given to S. Armistead and to Marko & discharge of my Debts. I do hereby fully Empower David Clark & Thomas Barrow to give up to my Mother all the Bonds Notes & Claims of every Description I have or may have against my mother provided she will give & make a good Right & Title to Such of my Children as she may choose for as many Negroes as will amount to Said Bonds and Claims at a fair Price or at such Price as that the Said Clark & Barrow may agree for with my mother. It is my wish & will that David Clark shall have the full direction & management of my Son Jeremiah & request him the Said Clark to attend particularly to my Sons Education for which Purpose I do hereby empower & authorize them the Said Clark to draw out of my Estate annually Such Sum or amount as he may deem proper not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars Per annum and my Executor or other acting Person on my Estate is hereby empowered & authorized to Pay the Same. I do hereby nominate & appoint my friend Thomas Barrow Sole Executor of this my Last Will & Testament. Witness my hand & Seal this 22^d day of February A.D. one thousand Eight Hundred & Twelve.

Signed Sealed & Published in Presence of
R. Tunstall. William Wiggins
Malboro Green.

J. H. Nelson

Seal

May Session 1812. Then this Will was exhibited in open Court & duly Proved by the oath of William Wiggins one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto & on motion ordered to be Recorded
Witness of S. Prwin Cl.

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Pearce of Halifax County