

shall appear most to my said sons advantage and the whole the money arising from sales here and rents after discharging my just debts supporting my said son and be put out on interest on bond with good security Lastly I appoint to this my last will and testament my brother Clement Bryan Benjamin Bryan and James Green writing all other wills by me made and declaring this to be my only true last will and testament in witness I the said Lovend Bryan hath hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 29th December 1797

In the presence of

Lovend Bryan (seal)

Edith Watson
Sally ~~Bridgers~~
Joseph ^{mine} Green

Will of Amos Johnston

(State of North Carolina)
Johnston County

In the name of God Amen, second day of September two thousand seven hundred ninety seven I Amos Johnston of the county and state aforesaid being sick of body but of good sound and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God and calling to mind the uncertain estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield to death when it doth please God to call do make and constitute ordain and declare this my last will and testament in manner following revoking and making null and void all other wills and testaments by me made this only to be my last will and testament and none other to be of any effect and now for selling of my temporal estate and such goods and chattles as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I do ordain give and dispose of the same in manner and form following that is to say first I desire my body decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned also I desire all my just debts to be paid.

IItem I lend to my well beloved wife Mary Johnson the plantation where I now live containing two hundred and thirty six acres of land with the improvements during her life or widowhood at her death or marriage

IItem

IItem I give and bequeath unto my son James Johnson the same plantation lands improvements.

IItem I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Mary Johnson one bed and furniture and two cows and their increase two new pewter dishes three basins and six plates one small iron pot and one bell metal skillet one new washing tub and pail and can and one large glass bottle to her and her heirs forever all the remainder of my stock horses cattle hogs and sheep and beds and furniture and all my household furniture that is not before mentioned and plantation tools of all sort and all the utensils belonging to said plantation I lend to my wife Mary Johnson during her life or widowhood and after her death or marriage I order give and bequeath the and all the same which I lend to my wife and their increase to my son James Johnson to him and his heirs forever.

IItem I give to my son Abel Johnston five shillings.

IItem I give to my son Amos Johnson five shillings.

IItem I give to my son Allen Johnson five shillings.

IItem I give to my son Willie Johnston five shillings.

IItem I give to my daughter Lucy Stevenson five shillings.

IItem I give to my daughter Phoebe Northen five shilling. Also I give to my wife Mary Johnson all the ready money I am possessed with at my death to be at her disposal. I also hereby nominate constitute and appoint my sons Amos Johnson and Willie Johnson my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I hath hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above mentioned

Witness

A. Caraway

Amos Johnson

James Johnston

Mary ^{mine} Johnson

Amos ^{mine} Johnson (seal)