

Will of Esther Whitley

In the name of God Amen, I Esther Whitley widow and relict of John Whitley Sr late of Johnston County deceased of the county of Johnston in the State of North Carolina being weak in body but of perfect sound mind and memory and calling to mind that it is appointed for all persons once to die do this 17th day of Sept A.D. 1825 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner

First- My will and desire is that all my funeral expenses and just debts be discharged by my executors hereafter named as soon as the nature of things will admit

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved niece Esther Elizabeth Bulls daughter of Barnaba Bulls of Johnston County one feather bed and furniture complete balstead cord & matt Two young cows three years of age, one bolett after the death of my son John Whitley and also one hundred dollars current money of N. Carolina to be made from my estate as my executors may think most proper & to be let out on interest by my executors untill said Esther E. Bulls shall marry or arrive to mature age (after my death) to be fully and freely enjoyed by her and her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son John Whitley all the residue of my estate of every description which I have not heretofore bequeathed away (after my death) to be freely and fully enjoyed by him and his heirs, executors administrators or assigns forever.

And I the said Esther Whitley do nominate & appoint my son John Whitley & my nephew Barnaba Bulls both of the County of Johnston executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking disallowing and making void all other will or wills heretofore by me made. Ratifying and confirming as the testator this to be my last will and testament the day & date first above written. Published signed & acknowledged by the said Esther Whitley the testator as her last will & testament in the presence of

Esther ^{her} Whitley ^{mark}

B. Stevens
Dolly Coapps Sr
Dolly Coapps Jr

Will of Polly Gerrit Johnson

In the name of God Amen, I Polly Gerrit Johnson of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being feeble but strong and possessing a good sound & perfect and disposing mind and memory blessed be God, do this 30 day of June in the year of our Lord 1825. make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner following that is to say,

First I give and bequeath to my beloved mother Kebleka Johnson one feather bedstead and furniture two cows and calves one walnut-table one trunk and after all my just debts is paid and other small legacies hereinafter named and bequeathed the balance of my money remaining I also give to my mother Kebleka Johnson to her her heirs and executors administrators and assigns forever. I also give to my sister Elizabeth Lashley one dollar in cash to her her heirs executors, administrators and assigns forever. I also give to my sister Susan Holland one dollar in cash to her her heirs executors administrators and assigns forever.

I also give to my sister Matilda Johnson one dollar in cash and my wearing clothes to her her heirs executors administrators and assigns forever.

I also give to my brother William H. Johnson one dollar in cash to him his heirs and assigns forever.

I here nominate ordain and appoint my brother William H. Johnson executor to this my last will and testament.

I also give to my executor ten per cent all the above bequests and business is to be done by my executor in witness whereof I the said Polly Gerrit Johnson hereto this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written signed sealed published and declared by said Polly Gerrit Johnson the testator as her last will and testament in the presence of us

Witness
West Johnson
Warren Johnson
John Austin

Polly Gerrit Johnson ^{her} ^{mark}

State of North Carolina } May Term 1825
Johnston County } Then was the
execution of this will duly proven by the oath of
John Austin and ordered to be recorded.

R. Sanders Clk

State of North Carolina } County of Johnston Term 1825
Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of William H. Johnson and ordered to be recorded

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