

Will of James Johnston

In the name of God Amen, I James Johnston Sr of Middle Creek in the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory of which I am truly thankful to the great and wise disposer of all events do make this my last will and testament as follows

- Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved sons Aldridge Johnston and James William Johnston all my lands which I now possess to them their heirs and assigns forever and if either of them die before they come of lawful age or have lawful heirs the above named lands then to belong to the surviving one and also on the above named lands, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Johnston her natural lifetime or widowhood on the above named Land.
- Item 2 I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Pensuilla Woodall wife of William one bed bedstead and furniture one cow and calf formerly mine but now in her possession to her her heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 3 I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Gincy Coats wife of Alvin Coats one bed, bedstead and furniture one cow and calf formerly mine but now in her possession to her her heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 4 I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Eliza John one bed bedstead and all the furniture which she has procured for said bed one cow and calf to her her heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 5 I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Martha Penny Johnson one bed bedstead and all the furniture which she has procured for said bed one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever.
- Item 6 I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Elizabeth Jane Johnson one bed bedstead and all the furniture which she has procured for said bed one cow and calf to her and her heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 7 I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Angelina Johnson one bed, bedstead and all the furniture which she has procured for said bed one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever.
- Item 8 I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Tranquilly Johnson one bed bedstead and all the furniture which she has procured for said bed one cow and calf to her and her heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 9 I give and bequeath to my beloved son Aldridge Alvin Johnston

one bed bedstead & furniture one cow and calf one shot gun one horse bridle and saddle to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

- Item 10 I give and bequeath to my beloved son ^{James} William Johnson one bed, bedstead and furniture one cow and calf one rifle gun one horse and bridle and saddle to him his heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 11 I give unto my beloved wife Mary Johnson one bedstead and furniture during her natural life time.
- Item 12 I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Johnston all my household and kitchen furniture all my plantation tools two horses all my stock of cattle except such as has been given to my beloved children above named all my stock of hogs all my stock of sheep one cart and wheels all my cider cask for the support of my family and also the above named property to belong to my wife Mary Johnson during her natural life or widowhood and after her death or widowhood to be equally divided amongst my lawful heirs in common to them their heirs and assigns forever.
- Item 13 I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Johnson one negro man named Isiah one negro woman named Martha and her children Henderson, Benford, Robin, Braemwell and Eliza and their increase during her natural life or widowhood, and after her death or widowhood to be equally divided amongst my nine children in common to them and their ^{lawful} heirs forever.
- It is my request that Judham Bryan be executor to this my last will and testament breaking and making void all wills and testaments by me made heretofore made satisfying and confirming this and only this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said James Johnston Sr have to this my last will and testament set my hand and ^{affixed my} seal this 29th of September A.D. 1837
- Signed sealed and published
in the presence of
A. Bryan
Britton Johnson
Alvin Coats }
James Johnston Seal

Johnston County Court: Then was the execution of this last will and testament proven in open court by the oaths of A. Bryan Britton Johnson & Alvin Coats and the executor therein named acknowledged & B. N. Robinson is appointed administrator with the will annexed and qualified accordingly and said will is ordered to be recorded
signed W. H. Fenton CLK