

Will of John Oliver

In the name of God Amen, I John Oliver of Johnston County and State of North Carolina, being of a sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God I do this 28th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say,

- Item I lend unto my beloved wife Dorcas Oliver during her natural life the plantation wherein I now live including eighty seven acres of land there sound.
- Item I give and bequeath to my wife my gray mare and her saddle and bridle also one feather bed and furniture two cows and calves fourteen head of hogs also my riding saddle and all my plantation tools and all the house furniture.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my son James Oliver eighty eight acres of land lying on both sides of Neocoon swamp the new entered land, to him his heirs and assigns one young sowed mare twelve head of hogs.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my son William Oliver seventy five acres of land joining the plantation wherein I now live one cow and pigs.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Oliver eighty eight acres of land lying on the upper side of my plantation wherein I now live one bed and furniture.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my son John Oliver eighty seven acres of land, which is the above lent land, and one cow and calf to be possessed with at twenty one years of age.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Kezia Oliver one feather bed and furniture one cow and calf to be possessed with at twenty one years of age or at her marriage. My will is that my children be schooled, and that my wife pay the schooling out of the property willed to her. My will and desire is that my debts be shall be collected, and the remaining part of my estate that is not willed, shall be sold by my executor and the money put to pay my debts if any remaining dividing amongst

my children and I hereby make and attain my beloved Dorcas Oliver my trustee friend executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said John Oliver have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above mentioned. Signed, sealed, published, and delivered by the said John Oliver the testator as his last will and testament in presence of us

John ^{mark} Oliver (seal)

Henry Davis
Stephen Oliver
Charles Wellons

Johnston County November term 1803
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D. Sanders C. C.

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