

John Whitliff's Will

In the name of God Amen - I John Whitliff of Johnston County and Province of North Carolina being sick and weak but of sound and disposing memory thanks be to God for it calling to mind the great mortality of man and the uncertainty of my affairs I do ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following

- I give I give my soul to God who gave it to me and rest my body to the ground to be buried in a decent order at the discretion of my Executors
- I give to Joseph Boon One Hundred acres of land lying in the islands and my son John Two Hundred acres adjoining the above land and to my son Needham Two Hundred acres adjoining the same the whole containing Six hundred acres.
- I give to my son John the manor plantation whereon I live and three hundred and fifty acres adjoining the same and three negro women Primus and Phillis
- I give to my son Needham a tract of land on Spail Cunnery Creek again Johns River containing One Hundred acres and three negroes Ned, Susan and Jenny
- I give to my daughter Jeremy one negro named Canon and Twenty Shillings for the Cure of the said Negro and in case he dies I give her five pounds pro- in estate of the Negro and a horse worth three pounds pro- clination in estate of the Negro and a horse worth three pounds pro- clination and Two Cows and Calves, Two Cows & lambs and one feather bed and furniture and a piece of Cheese a pattern for a gown
- I give to my daughter Jerusha Two Cows and Calves, Two Cows and lambs and a horse worth three pounds proclination one feather bed and furniture and Twenty pounds proclination
- I give my daughter Elizabeth Twenty pounds proclination money two Cows and Calves, Two Cows and lambs, One horse worth three pounds proclination and one feather bed and furniture
- I give to my daughter Nancy Twenty pounds proclination money two Cows and Calves, Two Cows and lambs and one horse worth three pounds proclination one feather bed and furniture
- I give to my daughter Rebecca Twenty pounds proclination Two Cows and Calves, Two Cows and lambs One feather bed and furniture and one horse worth three pounds proclination
- I give to my Grand Child Robert Ballard five pounds proclination money
- I give to my two sons Twenty years schooling apiece and one apiece to my four daughters
- If the two women should bring negro children enough for my daughters to have them in the room of Twenty pounds one apiece

Item

I give the rest of my estate to be equally divided between my two sons John and Needham

Lastly I appoint Ben^l Williams and Joseph Boon whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament revoking all the other wills or Wills here before by me made.

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us

John Nathan Gurley
Thos^{us} Whitliff
Henry Bull

John Whitliff (Seal)

North Carolina
Johnston County } To Wit

At an Inferior Court of pleas and quarter session begun and held for the said County at the Court house at Johnston quarter on the third Tuesday in October Anno Domini 1761 Present his Maj^{ty} Justices - Then the within and above last Will and Testament of John Whitliff late of Johnston County Dead & exhibited in to Court and proved by the oath of Thos Whitliff and Henry Bull subscribing witnesses thereto who swear that they saw said Testator sign seal publish and declare the same to be his last Will and testament that he was of sound and perfect mind and memory and at the same time they saw Nathan Gurley Evidence the same with them also the said Ben^l Williams, Joseph Boon appear in Court and Qualify themselves as Executors agreeable to Law. Ordered that the secretary have notice thereof that Letters Testamentary issue accordingly

Test Robert Rains & C

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