

Will of Jesse Cotton

In the name of God Amen I Jesse Cotton of the State of North Carolina and County of Johnston being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind memory blessed be Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mourning Cotton all my lands containing nine hundred and seventy five acres and all my personal estate during widowhood a natural life then that part of my personal estate remaining to be equally divided among my beloved daughters Lucy, Charlotte, Polly, Alice, Luanna & Thersina except such part of the personal estate as is hereafter devised

I do also give and bequeath unto my beloved son Young one mare

I do also give and bequeath to my beloved son Garrard one mare

I do also give and bequeath to my beloved son Shadrack fifty dollars

I also give and bequeath to my beloved son Jesse Vann the sum of fifty dollars.

I do also devise that at the time of the marriage or natural death of my beloved wife all my lands and tenements amounting to nine hundred and seventy five acres of land should be equally divided between my beloved sons Young, Garrard, Shadrack and Jesse Vann

I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Mourning and my beloved son Garret sole executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of December 1820

Sealed, signed, published and declared by the above named Jesse Cotton to be his last will

testament in presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of the testator

James Adams
Josiah Adams

State of North Carolina Johnston Co
May Term 1822. Then was this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of Jesse Adams and Josiah Adams and ordered to be recorded
B. Sanders Clk

Will of Leittleton Johnson

In the name of God Amen I Leittleton Johnson of Johnston County in the State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz

First - I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy Johnson three hundred dollars also I devise unto my beloved wife one bed four sheets two blankets one chest one spider one saddle one set of earthen ware five tumblers six spoons six pewter plates to her forever also I give and bequeath unto my son Alfred Johnston the land which I now live on lastly my just debts to be paid all the rest residue and remainder of my personal estate of what kind and nature soever to be sold and equally divided between the said Alfred Johnson and another legal heir if I should have one to them or either of them if they should live to the age of twenty one if not I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy Johnson the same and every part thereof to her forever and I hereby appoint Hardy Lee sole executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one signed sealed published and declared by the above named Leittleton Johnson to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator

Bryant Adams Jr
Joshua Johnson

Leittleton Johnson

State of North Carolina } August Term 1821
Johnston County } Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of Bryant Adams and Joshua Johnson and ordered to be recorded

B. Sanders Clk