

Will of Sell Johnson

In the name of God Amen I Sell Johnson of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina thanks to God I am of sound & perfect mind & memory and knowing the uncertainty of this earthly life do make and declare this my last will & testament in manner and form following viz first and principally I recommend my soul to God who gave it - trusting in his mercy and in the mercies of my dear redeemer for the remission of all my sins desiring my body to be disposed of in Christian burial and as to the temporal estate which it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow on me I dispose of it in the following manner

Item First - I lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Johnston all the land and the plantation whereon I now live and crop. I lend unto Elizabeth Johnson five choice negros out of eleven those that suit her best and all the stock of horses cattle and hogs and sheep all my household and kitchen furniture the blacksmith tools and all my farming utensils her lifetime the balance of the negros to be equally divided between my sons Rigdon Johnson & his heirs and my daughter Sarah Area and her heirs and my son Richard Johnson or his heirs after three hundred dollars which I leave to be paid unto my beloved grand daughter Patsy Griffith out of my son Richard Johnson part or distributed share and when the sum of three hundred dollars is paid paid to her out of my son Richard Johnson distributed share or part the balance that is then left of his share or part to be equally divided amongst all his children at the death of my beloved wife Elizabeth Johnson. I leave the five negros that I lent my and their increase if any all the lands the stock of horses cattle hogs sheep household & kitchen furniture blacksmith tools farming tools I leave to be equally divided between my son Rigdon Johnson or his heirs my daughter Sarah Area or her heirs and Richard Johnson and his heirs also I give my son Rigdon Johnston liberty to sell any part of the stock privately that I have to my wife her lifetime if he thinketh so and give the money to her for her support & use as she may think proper. I make and appoint my worthy son Rigdon Johnston executor to this my last will and testament annulling and revoking all former wills made by me May 17th 1832. Signed sealed & declared in the presence of
 Sell Johnson & Bayant Jordan
 Sell Johnston (Seal)

State of North Carolina August Term 1832

Johnston County } Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oath of Bayant Jordan as to the testator's signature and also as to the signature of the other subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded

B. Sanders Clk

State of North Carolina May Term 1832

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