

all my just debts, to the Education of my children and should there be any remaining I wish it divided equally between my four youngest children. my further will and desire, is that Stephen shall have immediate possession of his property, and to manage for himself under the direction of my son Simon. I give to my wife son, John Stephenson, one grey Horse, called Hawk, a Saddle, and Bridle to him, his heirs and assigns for ever. Lastly, I nominate and appoint my sons Simon & Stephen as Executors, & my Wife also Executrix to this my last will & testament revoking and disannulling all others heretofore by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup> August 1844

Signed sealed & declared  
by the testator in the presence of

Edward Debrew  
Mara Steerson  
Robt. Hornegay

Simon Fiske

North Carolina

Jones County Court November Term 1844.

Then was the above Will of Simon Fiske duly proved in open Court by the oath of Robt Hornegay & ordered to be recorded - and at same time Simon Fiske one of the Executors therein named qualified as such agreeable to Law ordered that Letters Testamentary issue accordingly

In the name of God Amen

I Joanna Burns at present of the County of Jones & State of North Carolina seriously considering the uncertainty of Human Life at best, do while in a firm State of mind & sound recollection make & ordain this my last Will and Testament.

Imprimis - I nominate constitute and appoint my friends Enoch Joy and Lurant Hatch Esquires my Executors & Trustees with full and ample power in case they be unwilling to perform the necessary duties of trustees, to constitute & appoint such persons as in their wisdom they may think competent as substitute or substitutes - them or their Executors -

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Item. That negro woman Flora with her children and what increase she or they may have hereafter be under the control of my Executors or trustees to be disposed of in the best manner they may devise so that my Son Owen Burns has the interest or income & profits thereof during ~~the~~ <sup>the term</sup> of his natural life and that at his decease the same & whatever increase there may be descend to the Heirs of his body, Lawfully begotten - But in default of such living at his demise - the same and every part thereof be equally divided between my brother Solomon Grant, Sisters Experience Dickson, Leticia Wilson and Oscar Pansly them and Heirs of their bodies forever.

Item. I devise my Trustees or substitutes, to collect what monies may be due me at the time of my decease, as soon as may be, also. I sincerely request them to liquidate my just debts.

Item. After my contingent charges incidental expenses & debts are discharged the residue and surplus in hands to be disposed of in the following manner.

That is to say, upon trust the same to be placed out at interest to be put in such hand or hands as my Trustees or substitute or substitutes may think safe at all times - So that the yearly Dividend of Forty Dollars be paid to my Mother during her natural life and no longer - all the residue interest of said sum or fund to be faithfully appropriated by my friends above named to the support maintenance and education of my son Owen Burns but if this be insufficient in the opinion of my Trustees to procure him what they may deem sufficient & liberal education, then and in that case they are authorized to set off and appropriate as much of the principal for said purpose as may be necessary -

Again my desire is that in case my son die before he has lawful issue or rather without leaving lawful issue of his body in Whalock Then the remaining part of said fund having been appropriated as above stated - the unexpended moiety to descend to and be equally <sup>divided</sup> between my said Brother & Sisters and their heirs of their bodies forever.

Item. I devise unto said Owen Burns upon trust one set of Table spoons cyphered O.B. and one soup ladle silver during the term of his natural life and if he dies without issue what is commonly called lawful issue in Whalock Then and in that case the same and every part thereof descend to my niece Olivia C. Dickson heirs and assigns.

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Item. my Will further is that the residue of my estate real & personal be fairly and equally divided between my Mother my said Brother and Sisters their Heirs and assigns forever. -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the first day of September 1814.

Witnesses R. Dickson  
Phoebe <sup>he</sup> Turner  
mark

Joanna Burns  
North Carolina

Jones County Court.  
The within last Will and Testament duly proved in open Court by the Oath of Robert Dixon Witness. Ordered to be recorded

In the Name of God Amen.

I John Colvert Senr of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina, being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect sound mind, and memory, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do hereby ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say Viz.

First I recommend my soul to god, who gave it me, and my body to be buried in a decent manner under the direction of my Executors, hereinafter mentioned, in hopes of a happy resurrection at the last day, when our Lord Jesus Christ shall come and raise my body in his own Kingdom, Amen! Amen! -

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son John Colvert the Lands from Jumping Run to the top of the hill on the North side of deep bottom; (Subject to the Yearly rents due James Colvert my Mother, agreeable to the lease now in my possession) together with fourteen feet in width, from where the said Division line shall strike the line leading from Jumping Run, to the main Road, so as to give him a road out, to the main Road, also one Feather Bed and Furniture to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. It is my Will and desire that my young, Mare called Bond should be sold, and the money arising therefrom to be applied to the discharge of my Just debts and Funeral Expences - Together with what debts are due me, and should there be any ballance, I wish it to be applied to the support of my Family -

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Anna Colvert one Bed and Furniture, I am Obedt.