

In the name of God Amen I Robert Johnston  
of the County of Lincoln State of North Carolina being  
made in body test of a sound mind & memory do this the  
10<sup>th</sup> of May A.D. 1831 make & publish this to be my last  
will & testament. In the 1<sup>st</sup> place I will & bequeath  
to my wife Susan Johnson during her natural life time  
she and no grant viz Ned Nantah, Mariah, Saml Amy  
& Isaac to her use & behoof at her decease it is my desire  
that my son Samuel Johnson should have the 1/2  
Nantah, & furthermore that Saml should be 1/2 &  
divided equally between my two sons Robert & Joseph  
Johnston. In the 2<sup>d</sup> place I desire that the other three  
viz Amy Mariah, & Isaac should then be sold  
& equally divided between my four sons, Robert  
Joseph & Samuel Johnston. In the next  
place I will to my son Robert Johnston all that tract or  
parcel of land in which he now lives beginning at a  
chestnut tree in my line & Alex<sup>r</sup> Rankins running  
thence South the eighteen & a half degrees past a white  
oak in the Creek bank thence in the same direction  
to William Scotts line with the said line to Will Rankins  
& Alexander Rankins to the Beginning likewise I will  
to my son Robt Johnson one negro Girl named Laura  
which he now has in possession In the 3<sup>d</sup> place I will  
I bequeath to my son Rufus Johnson all that tract or  
parcel of land on which he now lives except stopping  
him at a chestnut stump in the old line from  
thence S 63 E to a small oak in the same thence South  
of 60 until the intersection of the old line with that line  
to the chestnut tree, come with Roberts line to the  
road thence to the chestnut stump the beginning  
likewise I will to my son Rufus one negro boy named Peter  
which he now has in possession In the 4<sup>th</sup> place I will  
I bequeath to my son Joseph Johnson all that tract  
or parcel of land which he now has in possession  
beginning at a post oak in the back yard

Thence \$487.00 paid to a negroed then on \$75 1/2 paid  
to an elm. Thence \$55 1/2 paid to a black oak thence  
\$74 1/2 paid to a hickory thence \$65 1/2 paid to a  
black oak thence \$57 1/2 paid to a hickory in  
William Scotts line. Thence with the same to the  
the beginning of the West oak also the brick yard  
Further I bequeath to my son Joseph Johnson a negro  
man I buy name a negro Foster In the 5<sup>th</sup> place  
I will bequeath to my son Samuel Johnson all that tract  
a parcel of land he which I now live except so much as  
has been cut off to Peter Joseph Johnson because I  
bequeath to him a small part of the tract on which  
Rufus now lives beginning at a chestnut stump running  
thence S 36 E to a small red oak in the lane not far  
from Rufus Johnsons house thence S 36 E into the  
interior part of the old line thence with that & the new  
and already described to the beginning

I will bequeath to my son in law Melan & my daughter  
Polly & name a negro woman a child name a girl Ephraim  
Johnson. I bequeath to them the same & all that be  
collected out of my estate I pay to them as soon as convenient  
I will bequeath to the heirs of John & Nancy Rankin  
I remember Matthew, Eliza, Peter & Frank the 4 Mary  
Rankins one negro woman name a child to gether  
with her two children they in case to be equally  
divided between the three children a boy name & my  
Alvira Will & Thomas Rankin likewise I bequeath to them  
\$60 Rankins law out of my estate I pay out of my estate as soon  
as convenient by my executor It is further in my desire that so much  
of my personal property as my wife & I have I will by my  
executor & his charge the debt after which an equal distribution  
of the balance between Will, Rufus, Joseph & Samuel Johnson  
Lastly I appoint my son Peter Johnson executor of  
this my last will & testament I give & deliver  
the day & year above written in presence of  
Samuel & James Grant  
Melan Johnson & son  
Peter Johnson

(Seal)

Witness my hand & seal this 10th day of June 1792