

... dear as we used to be especially when the two of us lay before
him & my son said "Dad, I have a secret" & I said "Well, I
haven't had a secret in years." & he said "I have just become
a father yesterday." & I said "That's great!"

In the Name of God. Amen. I Dr. nich. Robison of the City
of Newbern in Hertford Co. NC a Doctor planter. Had not owing
in a good state of health & with respect to my body yet of
perfect ~~composure~~ ~~composure~~ ~~composure~~ ~~composure~~ ~~composure~~ ~~composure~~ ~~composure~~ ~~composure~~ ~~composure~~
to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is ap-
pointed for all ~~men~~
my last will & testament that is to say principally the
first of all I give & command every thing to God that I own
& my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent
Christian burial at the discretion of my executors & at
the time of my death at the general resurrection I shall
rise in the same again by the mighty power of God & as
treasuring such worldly estate wherewith God has been pleased
to bless me in this life, I give & dispose of in the following
way & manner as hereafter shall be seen that all my lawful debts be
paid; That my wife shall have her maintenance on the sum
& the use of three Negros as long as she remains a widow, & the
use with the cattle house & shop & she shall retain her part of the
household furniture till death & she shall it among her children
as may suit best, where ever I will that my land whereon I live
be divided between my two sons James & John Robison &
the two girls viz Sarah & Mary Robison who also agree unto
to my oldest daughter Sarah my Negro Wench Jane to be my
property & also one boar & saddle & two horses & to be
left to my Daughter Mary & my Negro boy Beck
together with a horse & saddle & two riding gunnes.

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is each member share of the household necessaries I will
that the widow help the following task during her husband's
and to those children between the above named James &
John Robison shall by her joint signature & adoption the plan
for the use of the widow & my sons James & John Robison
I also bequeath my negroes & their tools to the above
named James & John Robison & they may again between
themselves I do hereby begin & to day do declare Hamilton
Robison has hundred acres of land on Twelve mile creek
at my death in the said Hamiltion Robison shall left
to me note I have on hand of eighty or ninety dollars it is
my will that you Dennis have of the two other horses
Dennis & Hale to lead this plantation - Dennis & Hale
& constitute my two sons James & John Robison to be the
executors of this my last will & testament for his trips
whereof I have here set my hand & signed my seal this
1st day of August A.D.

Signed, sealed, dated & pronounced instrument

of us the several names of

James Robison

Daniel Robison

James H Robison

In the name of God Amen, I Harry C Read of the County of
Northumberland State of Carolina, being weak in body but of
a sound disposing mind do sayng that it is appointed for
all to die; have thought proper to make this my last will
& testament as follows - In the first place I do give my
soul unto God who gave it from body to the earth to be
in a Christian manner. ~~Secondly~~ I will to my beloved
brother William Read all my claim to land in the
western country left me by my father's will which land
was not yet divided nor settled in any way among
the children & also one half of the price of my negro boy
George whom I allow to be sold / more or less to my
brother. I will also a note of one hundred dollars due