

108 In the name of God Amen. I William Johnston of Newkirkburg  
County State of N Carolina, Do give & dispose of my Estate in the  
following manner I Give & bequeath to my dearly beloved  
wife Rebecca all my Estate for & during the Term of her natu-  
ral life to raise & educate my Children & after the death of  
my wife to be equally divided between my three Children  
Charles, Mary & Martha to them & their heirs forever —  
I appoint Samuels & Andrew Withiam Executors to  
this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all others  
it bears my hand & is of this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1823

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William Johnston

In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Johnston of the County of  
Newkirkburg & State of N Carolina, being in a weakly state  
of Health but of sound mind & memory Thanks be to God therefor  
calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is  
appointed for all men once to die, Do make & ordain this my  
last Will & Testament, That is to say principally & first of all  
I give my Soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it,  
& my body I recommend to the dust to be buried in a decent  
manner at the discretion of my Executors; and as Touching  
such worldly Estate where with it hath pleased God to bless  
me in this life I give & dispose of the same in the following  
manner I give Viz. I Give & bequeath unto Cynthia Johnston  
my beloved wife the plantation on which I now live dur-  
ing her whole life & at her death to be sold to the highest  
bidder & the nett proceeds divided equally among all my  
children then alive; It is further my will that my  
wife Cynthia have my Negro woman Phillis & her four  
children Viz Andrew, Edy, Nance, Hannah to enable  
her to raise & school my children & as they come to the  
age of Twenty one years that they receive that part of my  
estate that two Independent persons may think they are  
entitled to. It is further my will that my wife Cynthia