

1822
State of North Carolina,
New Hanover County Court,

March Term, 1857

This paper, writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Richard W. Johnston dec'd is exhibited, in open Court and offered for probate; and is duly proven by the oaths of Wm. W. Smith, Wm. W. Smith and L. H. Duncanson, subscribing witnesses thereto; and as such, considered by the Court, to be the last will and Testament of said Richard W. Johnston, in every respect, and as such, ordered, to be recorded and filed.

Wm. W. Smith, Wm. W. Smith, Testes,
qualified as such at Term Nov. 1856.

John W. Smith

J. R. Brantley, Ck.

Wilmington, May 28th, 1859.

In the name of God Amen: I, James Newton of the County of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina, do make and publish, this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void, all former wills by me at any time heretofore made:

First. I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid, as soon after my decease as possible, out of the first monies, that shall come into the hands of my executors, from any portion, of my estate real or personal. Item. I hereby give, bequeath, and devise, unto my beloved wife Elizabeth, B. Newton and her heirs, all my rights, title and interest in the Pilot Boat Edward B. Brantley, being one third thereof. The tract of land or plantation, whereon I now live, with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging; also my negro boy, Hardy; all my stock of every description; all my household and kitchen furniture of every description; and all other property or estate, of which, I may die, seized or possessed, whether real, personal or mixed, unto my said wife Elizabeth, B. her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my wife Elizabeth, B. and my friend George R. French, Executors of this my last will and Testament.

Signed, sealed, published, and acknowledged by the said James Newton to be his last will and Testament, in presence of us, who at his request in his presence and with the presence of each other, do subscribe our names and signatures thereto, R. H. Brantley, Clerk.

James Newton Seal
his mark