

In the Name of God Amen. the twenty eight day of April in
the year of our Lord 1757. Robert Johnson of North Carolina
in the County of Rowan, being very sick & weak in Body, but of
perfect Mind & Memory. Thanks be given unto God therefore
calling unto 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 & recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that
gave it: & for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be bu-
ried in a Christian like & decent Manner, at the Discretion of
my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection,
I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God, &
as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God
to bless me in this Life, I give bequeath & dispose of the
same in the following Manner & Form. I ordain my funeral
charges to be paid of the whole of my Estate: I also ordain what
Debts is due to me I shall pay as far as they will reach
of Debts which I justly owe and if any remains unpaid
they shall be paid off the whole of my Estate. Inheritance I give
and bequeath to Lilly my dearly beloved Wife during her
natural Life one third part of my Land with all the Char-
houses & Improvements. Also one third part of all the move-
ables with the Use of one gray Mare. Then I give my wife be-
loved Son (viz) John Thomas & Robert all my Land equally
to be divided amongst them, & Robert shall have all the
Plantation or other Ground with the Improvements after his
Mother's Death, in his part of the Land. Also Robert shall
have one bay Filly. Also I give John all my Cloths & Saddle
with one gray Filly. Also I give Thomas one black mare &
Saddle to be paid for off the whole Estate. Then I give my
well beloved Daughter Martina one Mare & Saddle to be paid
for off the whole of my Estate. & when she goes for her self
she shall have an equal share of the Stock & moveables

that is over her Mother's Share. I ordain that the four youngest Chil-
dren (viz) Robert, Sarah Mary & Phoeby shall be schooled & maintained,
in most decent washing & Laying with so precious Cloths at the
publick Charge of all the Family. I also order that Sarah Mary and
Phoeby shall have an equal share of the Stock as they arise at any
or goes to so for themselves with my dear Friends to be equally divided
amongst the three (viz) my Wives Child of the moveables at her
Death. I also order that all the Increase of all the above mentioned
Mares be equally divided amongst the whole Family. I also con-
stitute make & ordain my well beloved Wife Lilly & John McConnell
Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal the Day & year above written
Signed, sealed published pronounced &
declared by the said as his last Will
and Testament in the presence of,
us the Subscribers, viz;

Moses White
Moses Winstley
Hugh Lawson

Robert Johnson

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July 2d In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Johnston of the Coun-
ty of Rowan & Province of North Carolina planter being very sick
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this my last Will & Testament: that is to say, principally and
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God that gave it & my Body I recommend to the Earth to be
buried in decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my
nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall
receive the same again by the mighty Power of God, &
as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased