

In the name of God Amen, I Robert Johnston of the county of Rowan and province of North Carolina, finding myself very weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto god: calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will & Testament; That is to say, specially and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty god that gave it, my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial 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. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased god to bless me with in this life, I give, devise & dispose of the same in the following manner and form:—

Firstly I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Elisabeth one third part of all my personal estate together with one negro wench named Bess. Likewise her bed & furniture. — Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my son William ten shillings to be paid by my executors; Thirdly I give & bequeath unto my son John ten shillings to be paid by my executors. — Fourthly I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Anna the sum of ten shillings to be paid by my executors. — Fifthly I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Margaret ten shillings to be paid by my executors. Sixthly, I give unto my Daughter Leah ten shillings to be paid by my executors.

Seventhly I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Mary one negro wench named Bess. — Eighthly I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Catharine fifty pounds to be paid by my executors. Ninthly I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth one negro wench named Phoebe. — Lastly I give & bequeath unto my son Robert one negro fellow named Joa. And constitute them heirs of my whole estate intire, of all lands, Monies, notes, bonds, goods & chattels, I likewise make ordain & constitute my wife Elisabeth & my son John to be my sole Executors, of & hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannul all & every other former Testaments, Wills, legacies, bequests & Executors, relieving and confirming this & the other to be my last Will & Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty six
Signed sealed & pronounced as my last will & Testament in presence of
John Luckin Jurat
John Johnston
John Luckin
Robert Johnston
Mark.