

To's In the Name of God Amen. the twenty eight day of April in
1757 the year of our Lord 1757. I 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 to 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 Cloys & Sadel
with one gray Filly. Also I give Thomas one black mare &
Saddel to be paid for off the whole Estate. Then I give my
well beloved Daughter Martina one Mare & Saddel 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 Dutiful washing & Looking 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 age
or goes to so for themselves with my late so I desire 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
& 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 & ordain
this my last Will & Testament: that is to say, principally and
first of all, I give & 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
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

I do to bless me in this Life, I give remise & discharge of the
 same in the following Manner Form. First I give & bequeath
 to Mary my dearly beloved Wife the Third of my Monable
 Estate & her living of the place while she remains my Widow.
 And also I allow the Land to be divided between the two Boys
 And also I allow the Monables after her Third is taken out
 to be divided equally among the four Children Also I allow
 that my Children is to be bound out according to the Discre-
 tion of my Executors. Also I likewise constitute make &
 ordain Thomas Gillespie & John McConnachie sole Executors of
 this my last Will & Testament. And I do hereby utterly de-
 clare, revoke & disannul all & every other former Testaments
 Wills Legacies Bequests & Executors by me in any way be-
 fore named, made & bequeathed, ratifying & confirming
 this & no other to be my last Will & Testament. In witness
 I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this nineteenth Day
 of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
 hundred & sixty six. —

Signed sealed published pronounced
 & returned by the said Thomas Johnston
 as his last Will & Testament in the pre-
 sence of us who in his presence & in
 the presence of each other have hereunto
 subscribed our Names

James Scandrett
 James Graham

Thomas Johnston
 Mark

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1772
 In the Year of our Lord 1772 the nineteenth of September one thousand
 seven hundred & seventy two, I Jane Anne in the parish of
 St Luke in the County of Down in North Carolina being through
 the abundance of the mercies of God though weak in body
 yet of sound understanding & memory blessed be God for the
 same

I do hereby appoint this my last Will & Testament and order and direct
 that it may be revised by all whom it may concern as such.
 Imprimis, I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my Maker and Re-
 deemer and satisfy boasting his most gracious goodness & it through
 the Merits of my compassionate Saviour Jesus Christ who gave himself an
 Atonement for my sins & is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto
 God by him trusting he will live to make Intercession for them in whom I trust
 he will not reject me a returning penitent when I come to him for mercy.
 In this Act of Confidence I render up my Soul with comfort humbly be-
 lieving the most glorious Trinity our eternal God to prepare me for
 the Term of my Dispension & that he take me to himself into that Glorious
 and Rest which he hath prepared for all those that love & fear his holy
 Name Amen — Witneseth. — Imprimis, I give my Body to the
 Earth from whence it was taken in full Assurance of its Resurrection & rise
 there at the last Day & for my Burial I desire it may be decent — there-
 fore at the Direction of my Executors herein after mentioned who shall have
 most wise managing it with Prudence & Gravity And as to my worldly Estate
 wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I will & positively order the same
 in the following Manner & Form after Payment of all my Debts & Charges
 In hence I absolutely give & bequeath remise & remise unto my most
 beloved son Joseph Sen Bangamin Hence on negro man Chitt named
 out of the Long Black Horse Sadel & Knidel as also my mare the same
 by or with all the huts & Collets & Blankets that belongs to it & two Cows
 & Calves to wit Knidel & Twin Also one Plow with the Iron and all
 Looking belonging to it & the big Post & little Post & the Chist & eight other
 Chackleal & Grindel I am an I allow my Negro woman to be his for four
 Years after my Death & then to be sold by my Executors to the fur-
 poses herein after directed I allow the Quittance of this to be be-
 to this present Deed all the above as it stands stated to him & his heirs for-
 ever. Item I give remise & remise unto my well beloved son Joseph one post
 & one further Krefon to him & his heirs forever. Item I give remise
 & remise & bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Mary Proffers