

Last Will and Testament of Chas. Johnson
State of N. Carolina,

I Chas. Johnson of Chowan County in the State of N. Carolina aforesaid Esquire being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. Inprimis my will and desire is that my Executors hereinafter named do pay all my just debts & legacies. I give and devise to my son Thomas Johnson and to his heirs forever all my lands lying and being in Washington County in the State aforesaid including my lots in the Town of Plymouth in the said County but in case my said son Thomas should die without heirs of his body living at the time of his death then and in that case I give and devise all the said lands to my son Charles Earl Johnson and his heirs forever.

I give and devise to my son Charles Earl Johnson and to his heirs forever all the lands I am possessed of lying and being in the County of Chowan aforesaid but if my said son Charles Earl Johnson should die without heirs of his body living at the time of his death then and in that case I give and devise all the said lands to my said son Thomas Johnson and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath all my negro slaves not hereinafter otherwise disposed of to my sons Thomas and Charles Earl Johnson to be equally divided between them share and share alike, but if either of my said sons should die without heirs of his body living at the time of his death then and in that case I give and bequeath the share of him so dying without heirs of his body survivor and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to Gustavus Adolphus two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars to be vested in funds of the United States of America and the interest thereof applied to the education and support of the said Gustavus until he shall arrive to the age of twenty-one years and if the said Gustavus shall die before he arrives to the age of twenty-one years or without issue of his body living at the time of his death then and in such case the said two thousand five

hundred dollars to be equally divided between my said sons Thomas and Charles Earl Johnson share and share alike under the same limitation of survivorship between them as in the preceding clauses.

It is my will and desire that my negro woman Peg and her daughter Julia be set free if it can be legally done for and in consideration of her honesty and strict and kind attention to me in long series of ill health and if this by desire can be effected my will is that my executors do retain the sum of five hundred dollars in their hands out of my estate for her support and this indemnification for any bond or bonds they may give in consequence of her emancipation and I do most earnestly request and entreat my executors hereinafter named to use their best endeavors to obtain the emancipation of the said Peg and her daughter Julia, but if it cannot be effected then it is my will and desire that my said executors permit the said Peg to choose her master or mistress with whom to live without regards to terms or price and again to change as often as she shall see cause with my said son Charles Earl Johnson shall arrive to the age of twenty-one years and then I give the said Peg and all her children as well others that are now born as her future increase to my said son Charles in special trust and confidence that he do and shall permit the said Peg and her daughter Julia to choose their master or mistress during their respective lives in manner and form as before expressed and conformity to my wish and desire to reward the faithful services of the said Peg by rendering the situation of her and her daughter Julia after my death comfortable and easy.

It is my will and desire that all the perishable part of my estate be sold at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named except my plate and jewelry which I give and bequeath to my said sons Thomas and Charles Earl Johnson to be equally divided between them share and share alike. I give and bequeath to Gustavus Adolphus Johnson my slave Lettice and her offspring with liberty to choose her master or mistress with whom to live without regard to price or terms and again to change as often as she shall see cause. I give devise and bequeath all the rest and

residue of my estate as well real as personal to my two sons Thomas and Charles Earl Johnson and this his portion to be equally divided between them share and share alike but if either of my said sons should die without his of his body living at the time of his death then and in such case I give devise & bequeath the share of him so dying to the survivor of them whereas, I have limited the devise and bequest to my sons Thomas and Charles Earl Johnson to the survivor in case either of them should die without his of his body living at the time of his death whereby they may be prevented from disposing of any part of this estate I do hereby declare it to be my true intent and meaning that either of my said sons shall be at liberty to sell and dispose of any part of the property in and by this my last will and testament devised and bequeathed to them, that is to say my son Thomas at any time after my decease, and my son Charles Earl at any time after his arrival at full age, and that only such and such part of the said devise and bequest as shall remain in the possession of either of them and is forced of at the time of his death shall or is intended to be limited to the survivor.

And if it should so happen that both my said sons Thomas and Charles Earl Johnson should die without his of their bodies living at the time of their respective deaths then and in that case I give, devise and bequeath the whole of the estate herein before given, devised and bequeathed to them and remaining in their hands undisposed of at the time of their deaths to be divided between the children of William Bennett late of Chowan County aforesaid Esquire, the children of Helen late the wife of Saml Indwell of the town of Edenton Esq; and Gustavus Adolphus Johnson and this his in manner and form following, that is to say our third part to the children of William Bennett, our third part to the children of Helen late the wife of Samuel Indwell, and the remaining third part to Gustavus Adolphus Johnson.

Lastly, I nominate constitute and appoint Saml. Indwell of Edenton in the County of Chowan and

William Roberts and William Jackson of the same County executors of this my last will and testament I do further nominate, constitute and appoint the same Saml. Indwell Guardian of my said son Charles Earl Johnson and Gustavus Adolphus Johnson, hereby revoking and annulling all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and declaring this to be my last will and testament, witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty third day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and two, signed sealed and delivered in presence of

S. Dickinson

Chas Johnson

John Coffield Lick

Elliott Locksart,

North Carolina, Chowan County,

I, J. H. Hobbs, Clerk Superior Court for and in above named County and State, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the will of Chas Johnson, as the same appears of record in this office in Will Book "B" pages 270 to 274 inclusive.

In witness whereof I hereunto put my hand and official seal, this March 23, 1914.

J. H. Hobbs,

Clerk Superior Court,