

Last Will and Testament of Jeffery Johnson Decr
Jan^y Term 1789

In the Name of God Amen Jeffery Johnson of the State of North Carolina and County of Wilkes Being sick and weak of Body but of Perfect Sense and Memory thanks be to almighty God for it and Calling to mind the Mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men Once to die doth make and Ordain to be made this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first I Recommend my Soul into the hands of almighty God that gave me my Body to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and as to all the worldly Goods it hath pleased God to Bless me with I Bequeath in manner & form following Viz.

I Give to my wife Rachel Johnson all my Personal Estate During her Widowhood and Likewise the Land whereon I now Live During her Widowhood

I Give to my son Jeffery Johnson one Malatto Bay named Harris to him and his heirs forever

I Give to my son Lewis Johnson one Malatto Bay named Ned to him and his heirs forever

I Give to my two Sons Jeffery and Lewis Johnson the Land whereon I now Live to be Equally Divided Between them at my Decease then their Marriage if they Should Marry again to them and their heirs forever

my Will is that my Negro man named Ned Remain on the plantation for the use of my two Sons Jeffery and Lewis Johnson and if their Father Should Marry and they Come of Age my Will is that they pay each of my Other Children their Equal part of the Value of the said Negro

I Give to my son George Johnson one hundred Acres of Land whereon he now Lives to him and his heirs forever

I Give to my son Lewis Johnson one Young horse to him and his heirs forever

I Give to each of my three born Children namely James Rachel and Thomas Dodson five Shillings each

my Will is that my Executors pay unto my five Children namely Samuel Barbara Benjamin Jeffery and Lewis Johnson out of my Estate as they Come of Age or Marry as much as I have my former Children that is already married a piece

I Give to my son John Johnson a Debt in the hands of Stephen Smith of forty eight pounds Virginia Money

my Will and Desire is all the Remainder of my Estate be Equally Divided amongst all my Children at the Death or Marriage of my Wife Rachel Johnson and whereas I have my son Benjamin Johnson one horse already my desire is that the Value of the said horse shall come out of his part that he is to Receive when he come to age

and I do hereby constitute and appoint my Beloved wife Rachel Johnson and my sons George Johnson & William Johnson Executors of this my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 23 of March 1788

Test { George Wheatley
 Diana Wheatley
 Lewis Johnson

Jeffery Johnson
 his mark

(Note on the back as follows)

State of North Carolina } January Term 1789
 Wilkes County } The within Will was Proved by
 the Oath of George Wheatley
 a Subscribing Witness Thereto and Ordered
 to be Recorded. Test

Wm Lewis D.C.C.