

JAMES JOHNSTON

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

in the year of our Lord one thousand ~~Seventy~~ ¹⁸⁹⁷ Ninety Seven I James Jonston ~~These~~ Though weak in Body but of Sound mind and memory do Hereby make this my Last will and testament that is to Say first I Recomend ^{my soul} to mercy of God who give it and my body to be Deacently Laid in the ground at the Discretion of my Exucetors first it is my will that all my Just Debts be Discharged out of my Estate first I bequeth to my beloved wife Elisabeth Mary Johnston one Half of my plantation Containing one hundred and Sixty five ~~acres~~ of Land and the other half to be Devided equally between my Sons Mathew Johnston and David Johnston and John Johnston and at the Death of my wife the aforesaid Wis one Half of my Land aforesaid shall be Equally Devided between my Sons Mathew David and John Johnston to them and the Heirs of their bodies Lawfully Begotten ¹⁸⁹⁷ it is my will that the negrow wench named Jan be Left to my wife Marcy Johnston Her Life time allsow I will to my Son Mathew John ^{ten} one Little negrow Geril Lynn and if He should die without ishue Her to be Devid ^{ed} Between my Sons David and John Jonston to them and their Heirs for Ever allso it is my will that at the Death of my wife Morey Johnston the above named negro Wench Fann shall be equally divided between my Daughters. Sarah. Johnston Jane Johnston and Ellinor Johnston- them & the Hairs of their bodies Lawfully begotten-- ^{or all} it is my will that should any/ of the above mentioned my Daughters- Sarah Jane and Ellinor Johnston die without Ifsue Lawfully begotten the above named negro wench and her Increase shall be equally devided amongst the survivors it is allsow that if my wife Morey Johnston should be Delivered of a Child that she/ ^{is now big with that} it shall have a child's part of the Hole of them- it is also my will that my debts should be paid out of my good and chattles- it is

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