

Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret one negro girl named Lucy, one horse and saddle one bed and furniture and one spinning wheel to her and her heirs forever.

Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Ruth Joyce one negro girl named Sarah, one horse and saddle one bed and furniture and one spinning wheel to her and her heirs forever.

Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Joyce one negro named Lucy, one horse and saddle, one bed and furniture and one spinning wheel to her and her heirs forever.

Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Joyce two negroes to art - Jacob & Louis, one horse and saddle, one bed and furniture and one spinning wheel to her and her heirs forever.

Item - I give and bequeath to my son Elihu Joyce one horse and saddle & bridle.

Item - I give to my beloved wife Jane Elizabeth my still & whatever is thenceforth beginning by them jointly to be owned.

Item - I give & bequeath to my living wife Jane one black mare called Tibby one saddle & bridle to her and her heirs.

My further will and desire is that all the residue of my estate of every kind whatsoever not herein directed be sold at publick auction to my Executors and the money arising from the sale (after reserving one hundred pounds toward the education of my little children, Elihu, Andrew, Robert, Margaret, Elizabeth & Mary) to be equally divided amongst my sons, John James, Elijah, Alexander, Elizabeth, Andrew & Robert Joyce.

Gentry - I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son James Joyce, Elihu Joyce, my brother Charles Joyce and my trusty friend Patrick Munro, Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking disannulling and making void all former wills by me hitherto made ratifying confirming this as no other to be my last will & Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 1st day of March anno Domini 1778.

Signed, sealed, published & pronounced

Alexander Vernon

and sealed in presence of

James Anderson

Charles Carter

James Vernon

Alexander Smith

Guilford County, N.C. May Court 1778.

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Mercant Johnson

FILE #0199
In the name of God Omnipotent I Mercant Johnson of Guilford County being sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this mortality do make publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows, viz:

I do command my only beloved wife Elizabeth Johnson all & every part of my land & personal estate during my life intending for to leave my children if my wife shall marry and is such case then to be left at the discretion of my Executrix and the money to be let out or interest and equally divided among my surviving children.

Item - My will and share is that my Executrix shall pay of such child that may be born to her wife one year of age.

And I hereby nominate and appoint Elizabeth Carter to be my whole and sole Executrix of this last will and Testament and I hereby revoke all former will by me hitherto made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of June 1787.

Signed, sealed, published & declared }
by me Mercant Johnson as and for my last will }
and Testament in presence of us

Joel Johnson

Nicholas Smith

Mary Johnson

my wife

Mercant Johnson did
make

For Testate &c. of the above will see min. 200. A.D. 1. page 279.

James Jackson.

Whereas I formerly a citizen of the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina well knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death and being weak in body but of a sound mind and memory do leave the following devise as my last will and Testament what is to my friends & first of all I command my soul to the Lord and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and as to my worldly substance wherewith I am possessed of I have begotten and dispose of in the following manner.

Imprimis - It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid up and discharged in a reasonable time.

Secondly - I give to my two eldest sons named James Jackson and David Jackson along with their estate to be equally divided between them at or after my decease and to my youngest son Gabriel Jackson one hundred acres of land where he now lives except such a part of my estate as will discharge my just debts and funeral expenses.

Gentry - I will and appoint William Ampfield son of Isaac Ampfield

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