

In the Name of God, Amen, I James Council of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, hereby to my all and Beloved, viz. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Miss Joyce, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sally Council all the remainder of my Estate both real and personal of every kind whatsoever. I wish the Court to allow my wife to qualify as my Executrix to fore by me made. Given Under my Hand and Seal this 24th day of July 1871.

Signed, Sealed, in the presence of

Witnesses
William Johnson
Merritt Johnson
John S. Johnson

James Council (Seal)
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At a Court held for the County of Southampton, on Monday the 27th day of August A.D. 1871. This last Will and Testament of James Council did appear to the Clerk of William Johnson, Merritt Johnson and John S. Johnson, the Subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And on the Motion of Sally Council, the Executrix therein named, who made Oath according to Law, and entered into and Acknowledged a Bond, in the penalty of two Hundred dollars, conditioned as the Law directs, but without Security, the Will requesting that no Security should be required of her, and the Court requiring and Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form.

Teste
Saml. White, Clk

In the Name of God, Amen, I Hardy L. Johnson of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia, Make and Constitute this writing as and for my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah Stone, one feather bed and furniture, also one Chest to her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy A. Johnson the remainder of my Charles Estate both in my possession and in the possession of my Mother. I also give and bequeath to her the plantation where my Mother now resides and given me by my father in his last Will and containing acres, more or less, and bounded by the Land of St. J. Stephens, M. M. Clayton, Mary A. Johnson and others, to her and her heirs forever.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my friends M. M. Clayton and Alfred I. Stephens, my Sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament. Given Under my Hand and Seal this 19th day of September, Eighteen hundred and Seventy.

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of Hardy L. Johnson (Seal)
Alfred I. Stephens, M. M. Clayton