

197 I Benjamin Johnston of Southampton county in Virginia being per-
fected in mind & memory of calling to mind the uncertainty of this life & that it is appointed
Johnston will for all men to see do think proper to make constitute & appoint this my last will
& testament in manner & form following, To wit. -

I Give devise & bequeath to my loving wife Mary the use & profit of my planta-
tion whereon I now live during her natural life or widowhood Also I give her all
the cotton & wool that I am proprietor of & am third part of all my moveable estate
after my debts & legacies paid to her & her heirs -

I Give devise & bequeath to my son Joseph Johnston my plantation of land
whereon I now live containing sixty five acres, by the same manner I also
give him my still & its utensils to him and his heirs forever -

I Give devise & bequeath unto my son Job Johnston that tract of land which
I took up and patented at the place called the Round Meadow containing
one hundred and fifty acres also one gun & one saw of mine which I have already
proprietor him with Jane Keefe to him and his heirs forever -

I Give devise & bequeath to my son Stephen Johnston one young horse one Iron
pot & one pewter dish to him & his heirs -

I Give devise and bequeath to my several children hereafter named all things
which I have already possessed them with also the sum of one shilling
starting Viz. Jacob Johnston, Mary Gardner, John Johnston William
Johnston Anne Wooten Sarah Barret Lydia Beal & my grandson Jeph
Johnston & to their heirs -

All the remainder part of my estate of what nature or kind so ever I Give one
third part to my wife Mary & the other two thirds to be equally divided be-
tween my three children Viz. Lucy, Stephen & Henry & to their heirs & lastly I
nominate & appoint my son Joseph Johnston & my son in law John Beal
to be my executors to this my last will & testament as witnesses my hand
& seal this 29th day of March 1764

Ben Johnston
George Washington
James Jordan Scott,

Ben Johnston

Notwithstanding the above it is my further will &
order that my wife shall have the following particulars (to wit) all my crop
of corn &c. &c. that is now growing or to grow for the ensuing year together with
meat for the family use also my white mare & cart & saddle & the saddle gear & her
chaise of four of my hog one Iron pot & crack all my plows & plowing gear with
two barrels of salt & all my hogs & that as witness my hand & seal this 1st day of
April 1764

Ben Johnston

Witness
Job Wright
James Jordan Scott,

At A Court held for the county of Southampton
the 12th day of Feb^y 1767 - This will Good &c

The under written were presented In court by Joseph Johnston one of the exors
wherein named & proved by the oath of Job Wright & by the solemn affir-
mation of James Jordan Scott one of the people called quakers two of the