

Estate Records: Jonas Robertson and Catherine Markham Robertson

Jonas Robertson wrote his Will on 16 September 1813, and it was proved in Chesterfield county Virginia on 11 May 1818. When his wife, Catherine Markham Robertson, died about 1833 an action was brought in the Chancery Court of Chesterfield county Virginia; Heirs of Jonas Robertson v. Executor for Jonas Robertson, etc (Case 1833-018). Then twenty years later, in 1853, another suit was brought to the Chancery Court of Chesterfield county Virginia; Robertson's legatees v Robertson's executors (Case 1853-06, Box 34).

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Inventory of the **Estate of Jonas Robertson** deceased, ordered May 1818.

Cloa, an old woman; \$35

Aga, an old woman; \$75

Enay, a young woman; \$450

Pamelia, a young woman; \$450

Harriet, a small girl; \$400

Sally, a small girl; \$250

Simon, a man; \$600

Jim; \$800

Frank; \$750

James, a negro boy; \$425

One Ox cart; \$15

5 weeding hoes; \$2

2 Pole axes; \$1

2 hoe; \$2.50

1Dagon?; \$5

2 wedges and cutter; \$1

1 ?; \$5

1 hands ?; \$1.50

23 sheep with lambs; \$73.75

1 yoke Oxen; \$50

1 Dark bay mare; \$100

1 Bright bay mare; \$75

1 Rone filly; \$85

17 Geese; \$5.65

1 Flax and 3 cotton wheels; \$5.50

7pr cards, 1pr flat irons; \$2.50

4 pr harnes, 2 ?; \$2.50

2 ?, 2 kettles; \$2.75
 3 pots, hooks and rack; \$5.50
 1 bread baker; \$1.25
 1 churn and 2 poles; \$1.50
 1 womans, 1mans saddle; \$15
 34 hogs; \$75
 Interest in ? mill; \$6
 Half bushel and 2 hogshead; \$1
 2 cows and calves; \$40
 2 hefers; \$20
 Interest in ?; \$.37
 1 sifter; \$1
 2 barrels and 3 casks; \$4.50
 5 bed steads and furniture; \$200
 1 cradle and furniture; \$1.50
 1 pine prep; \$10
 2 decanter and 3 tumblers; \$2
 2 bottles and 4 pitchers; \$1.37
 1 coffee pot, cups, saucers;
 2 sugar dishes, 3 ?; \$3.62
 1 large tumbler; \$.50
 4 pitchers; \$1
 1 lot of pewter; \$3
 4 dishes and 20 plates; \$3
 4 bowls, 4 butter pots; \$3.23
 1 set knives, forks; \$1
 1 pair candle sticks; \$1
 1 shovel; \$.25
 1 pine chest; \$2
 1 pine table; \$2
 6 rush bottom chairs; \$150
 1 ? 3 jugs; \$2.50
 1 butter pot; \$.75
 6 Windsor chairs; \$3
 1 pine case; \$3
 2 trunks; \$4
 2 Sythes; \$3
 4 Sack bags; \$4
 2 shot guns; \$15
 for ? of Pamela; \$450
 Total: \$5029.03

14 Sept 1818, Catharine Robertson, commisioners - Edward Anderson, John Rowlett, Edw
 Worsham

Know all men by these presents, that we George B Robertson, Richard C Wilkenson and Edward Anderson are held and firmly bound . . . Two thousand four hundred dollars . . George B Robertson, administrator of all the goods, chattels and credits of Catharine Robertson decd.
10 August 1835

Richard C Wilkinson bond of Administration for Sally Condry
Know all men by the presents that we Richard C Wilkenson, George B Robertson and Edward Anderson are held and firmly bound . . .one hundred dollars . . Richard C Wilkinson adminstrator of all goods chattels and credits of Sally Condry deceased . . 9 Nov 1835

George B Robertson bond of Administration for Jonas Robertson
Know all men by these presents that we George B Robertson, Richard C Wilkinson and Edward Anderson are held and firmly bound . . three thousand dollars . . George B Robertson administrator . with the will annexed of Jonas Robertson of Jonas Robertson 9 Nov 1835

Inventory and Appraisal of the **estate of Catharine Robertson** bearing date 10 August 1835, proved at court 11 Dec 1837; Will Book 14, page 106

7 Dishes, 28 plates; \$6.50
1 set cups saucers; \$1.50
1 Set Castors; \$1
1 Water and 16 knives, forks; \$3
Coffe Pot and Bread basket; \$.37
Candle moulds; \$.25
2 bowls and 3 pitchers; \$.50
Tea board and China; \$5.00
1 Dark, 1 looking; \$5.50
11 Slays; \$4.25
3 Flat Irons, ?; \$1.37
1 small table, tumbler; \$2.50
6 chairs, 1 clock; \$21
1 large table, 2 decanters; \$3
1 small table; \$1
2 beds, 1 ?; \$75
1 lot barrels ?; \$3
1 pot, dutch oven, pot rack; \$3.50
1 bay mare; \$80
1 loom, 2 spinning wheel; \$1.75
Total \$219.50

Second Inventory taken for Jonas Robertson, in the home of Catherine Roberston deceased, bearing day 9 Nov 1835 and proved in court 11 Dec 1837.; Will Book 14, page 107

1 negro man, Kitt; \$600
1 negro man, Jim; \$300
1 negro woman; \$250
also various small items and furniture
Total \$1209.25

Supplementary Notes provided by Janet:

ROBERTSON family of Chestfield Co., VA; Posted by: Janet Date: March 29, 2001; The following is information I took from Chesterfield Co., VA, Chancery Court Records on file at the Library of Virginia, Richmond, VA, concerning the ROBERTSON family. I hope the information is helpful to someone...

Box 34, 1853-06, Robertson's legatees vs Robertson's exor., March 1853

Will of Jonas ROBERTSON:

Daughter Polly, two Negroes which she now has in her possession named Charissa and William;

Daughter Sally, two Negroes which she now has in her possession named Mourning and Nelson;

Son Field, one Negro man which he now has in his possession named Joe;

Daughter Betsy, a Negro girl by the name of Lucy and a boy by the name of Albert and their increase which she now has in her possession;

Lend to my wife Catharine during her natural life three Negroes named Jim, Edy, and Frank. Also the fourth part of my stock of every description and the whole of my household and kitchen furniture and after her death I give the said Negroes, stock and furniture above mentioned to be equally divided between my eight children not before named viz.: Markham, Edward, George, Judith, Elvira (or Elvsa?), Ann, Joseph Bolling, Rebecca, and Martha. (MY NOTE: I count nine children named - all names have a comma after them so they are easy to separate and read. The second time he says eight children - the names Edward and George are written together, and the female name I couldn't read looks like Eliza.)

The balance of my estate of what nature or kind so ever to be equally divided between my eight last mention children (then the names are repeated here).

Catharine his wife appointed exor. along with his friend Thomas BRANCH. Written 16 September 1813 and witnessed by David H. BRANCH, E. Mary A. BRANCH, and Obedience BRANCH. Recorded in court 11 May 1813 [1818?].

(?1853?)

Richard C. WILKINSON and Judith h/w last Judith ROBERTSON the said Richard C. in his own right and as adm. of Sally CONDRY (MY NOTE: ROBERTSON is crossed out with CONDRY written over it), Eliza Ann ROBERTSON, Joseph B. ROBERTSON, Rebecca C. ROBERTSON, Mary ROBERTSON, and John ARCHER late sheriff of Chesterfield Co., and as such admin. of Field ROBERTSON, dec'd., that Jonas ROBERTSON departed this life sometime in the year (blank) having first duly made and published his last will and test. which is recorded in the Chesterfield court...(tells what is in will)...that Martha ROBERTSON and William Markham ROBERTSON have both departed this life in the lifetime of their mother Catharine ROBERTSON whereby their said mother and their brothers and sisters became entitled to take among them that portion of the three slaves which as aforesaid. That brothers and sisters of

whole blood make a whole portion and those of half blood take half portion. That Field ROBERTSON, Mary ROBERTSON, Sally ROBERTSON, and Elizabeth ROBERTSON who married Joseph WILKINSON now dead are the brothers and sisters of half blood. That Mary ROBERTSON intermarried with one Thomas WILKINSON who has since departed this life. That Sally ROBERTSON intermarried with Josiah CONDREY both of whom are now dead and Richard C. WILKINSON has qualified in this court as the admin. of said Sally CONDREY (late ROBERTSON).

That Field ROBERTSON is also dead and his estate has been committed to John ARCHER late sheriff of Chesterfield Co. to be by him admin. That Elizabeth ROBERTSON intermarried with Joseph WILKINSON both of whom are dead, she having survived him and George ROBERTSON has qualified as her exor. That the said George ROBERTSON has also qualified as the exor. of Edward ROBERTSON who is likewise dead. That the said George ROBERTSON has also qualified as admin. de bonis non with the will annexed of said Jonas ROBERTSON and as admin. of Catharine ROBERTSON and that the said George ROBERTSON as admin. of the said Jonas ROBERTSON now holds possession of those slaves and he refuses to make distribution of them unless the court makes him....

[pam garrett's comment: I think the date on this should be 1833]

14 December 1835 - Slaves Kit, Jim, and Edy sold plus some articles belonging to Jonas ROBERTSON - each heir got \$178.66 full blood; \$16.25 those of half blood.

Do you want to know more?

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