

Will, NC, Cumberland, Alexander Smith 1779

Will

Cumberland County
No. 1306

ALEXANDER SMITH

December 14th 1779

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Inventory of part of the personal estate of **ALEXANDER SMITH** deceased being that part which is salable to be sold that was willed to his daughter **SARAH SMITH** who is now deceased.

Three Negroes and one feather bed and furniture.

Inventory taken 29th of January 1782

DAVID SMITH executor

January term 1782

W. RAND Clerk

[**ELIZABETH** was carrying this child at the time the will was made].

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In the name of God Amen.

I **ALEXANDER SMITH** of the county of Cumberland and in the state of North Carolina being weak in body but if perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

As touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with, in this life, I give, demise, and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form to wit:

ITEM I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **ELIZABETH [WHITFIELD SMITH]** six Negroes named [TORN], TOBY, DICK, ELON, BRIDG[TORN], JUDAY likewise one sorrel mare and colt and three [TORN] two of them named [TORN] and a young black mare [TORN] on Black River and a one year old colt and one horse [TORN] the name of old black also her saddle & bridle which was she usually rode, twenty cows and [TORN] steers for beef and twenty five head of sheep and eighty [TORN] all my household furniture / seven feather beds & furniture and one desk (reserved for grandson) and all my plantation tools I give her, her heirs, and assigns. And to my said wife Elizabeth all my lands and Plantation whereon I now [TORN].

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **JOHN [SMITH]** my lands and plantation which I possess in the county of Cumberland and five negroes named BALTIMORE, CHARLES, BUCK BILL, and CLOE, two feather beds and furniture, and desk for him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give to my grandson **JOHN BRYAN [son of KEDAR BRYAN & ELIZABETH SMITH]** five Shillings sterling money.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **RACHEL [SMITH]** five negros named PETER, POMPEY, TILLER, HAGAR and FELLES, two feather beds and furniture, one horse named dragon, and one saddle and bridle which she usually rides to her, her heirs, and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **MARY [SMITH]** four Negroes named JACK, ABRAM, LUCY, SELAH and NAN, two feather beds and furniture, and one saddle which she usually rides, to her and her assigns forever.

My wife **ELIZABETH**, being now with child [**SARAH SMITH**], and it is not yet provided for, and it is my will and desire that it should be made equal with the rest of my children. I therefore leave to my said child, which my wife now is big with, all my lands and plantation in the county of Johnston containing 899 acres and three negroes named **LEWIS**, [TORN] and ROSE, one feather bed and furniture, to it, its heirs and assigns forever.

And all the remainder of my estate I wish to be sold at the discretion of my executors, and after my just debts and funeral charges being paid, she one half the remainder of my money arising I leave to my child, which said wife is now big with, to be layed out at the discretion of my executors in raising and schooling said child and the other half to be equally divided between my other children **JOHN, RACHEL, MARY**.

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And I do hereby constitute and appoint my well-beloved wife, **ELIZABETH**, executrix and my trusty friends **BRYAN WHITFIELD** and **DAVID SMITH** executors of this my last will and testament. And I do hereby utterly revoke disannul all other former wills and Testaments by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of December 1779.

ALEXANDER SMITH {SEAL}

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the said **ALEXANDER SMITH** as his last will and testament in presence of us.

JAMES TURNER
JOSHUA [Guest] **GIST**

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