

Will, NC, Johnston, Edmond Smith, 1760

North Carolina]
Johnston County]

In the name of God Amen.

The 23rd day of February in the year of Our Lord 1760.

I **EDMUND SMITH** in the county of Johnston planter being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God therefore, calling on to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordained this my last will and testament: and desire it may be taken by all as such, and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executor, nothing doubting but as at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I guess, devise and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form.

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my eldest son **EZEKIAL SMITH** his heirs and assigns forever one parcel of land containing ninety Acres it being the upper part of the land lying in the bend of the river together with the plantation formerly belonged to **THOMAS BULLARD**.

Item I devise that **THOMAS BULLARD** and his recent wife may have their lifetimes, each, on the said Plantation.

Item I give and bequeath to my son **JOHN SMITH** the lower part of the aforementioned tract of land containing ninety acres to his heirs and assigns forever, together with the plantation whereon I now live, I also desire that the division of this tract of land may begin at the old marked Sourwood corner tree between **WADSWORTH** and **BULLARD** and out by **BENNETT**'s old field so out to the outside line on the duck pond.

Item I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM SMITH** a parcel of land containing one hundred acres lying on the south side Little River to be and remain to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter **DELILAH SMITH** her heirs and assigns forever one hundred acres of land lying on the south side of this river.

Item I give to my beloved wife **MARY** all the remainder of my estate after the payment of my debts home I constitute and make executor together with **THOMAS BULLARD** sole executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby disallow, revoke, and disannul all other former testaments, wills, legacies, bequests and executives by me in anyway before this time named ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament.

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In witness whereof I have signed Huron to set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced by the said **EDMOND SMITH** as his last will and testament in the presents of us, the subscribers.

EDMOND SMITH {his mark}

WILLIAM SMITH {his mark}

ANN PEARCE

ANN RAINS

HENRY RAINS

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EDMOND SMYTH'S WILL

Proved fees paid

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Present his Majesties Justices.

Then was the within will proved in open court by the oath of **HENRY RAINS**, a subscribing witness & ordered to be registered, when **MARY**, his widow, and **THOMAS BULLARD** appeared & qualified as executrix & executor, ordered to be recorded.

Test

ROBERT RAINES, clerk