

Will, NC, Johnston, John Smith 1813

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In the name of God, Amen.

I **JOHN SMITH SENIOR** of Johnston County being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be to God, do this 29th day of May in the year of our Lord 1813 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say:

First I bequeath my soul to God who gave it. My will is that my body be decently buried at the discretion of my friends and that all my just debts be paid.

Item I leave to my dear and well beloved wife **PATIENCE SMITH** all of my land and stocks of all kinds and also all my household and kitchen furniture and all my plantation working tools and tools of all other kind during her natural life or widowhood, and then to be equally divided between my children herein mentioned, that is **JOSHUA SMITH, JAMES SMITH, SAMUEL SMITH, LEWIS SMITH, JANE SMITH, OBEDIENCE ALLEN, ELIZABETH SIMS, EDITH STRICKLAND & IZABEL STRICKLAND** to them and their heirs forever or their lawful representatives thereof.

And, I hereby make and ordain my well beloved son **JAMES SMITH** executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I, the said **JOHN SMITH** have to this, my last will and testament, set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

JOHN SMITH {seal, his mark}

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said **JOHN SMITH**, the testator of this last will and testament. In the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing.

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WILLIAM BRYAN
ASA BRYAN

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JOHN SMITH
Will
to
Nov. Term 1813

Johnston County
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R SANDERS, Clerk

Will, NC, Johnston, John Smith 1813

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