

Will, NC, Johnston, Samuel Smith 1779

In the name of God, amen.

I **SAMUEL SMITH** of the County of Johnston in the State of North Carolina being in perfect health of body and of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

First: I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it [----]

Second: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **ELIZABETH SMITH** six Negroes (to wit) JACK [----] and ten other cattle the choice of my [----] Spanish milled dollars, or the value thereof in gold or silver coin and two hundred pounds current money of this state, three feather beds, bedsteads and furniture, one walnut table, one pine table, one desk, one long looking glass, one cedar chest, one large trunk, one gilt trunk, and all the chairs belonging to my house and one third part of all my kitchen furniture, to her her heirs and assigns forever. I also lend to my beloved wife the plantation whereon I now live and all the lands adjoining thereto both sides Middle Creek, one still, one set blacksmith tools, [----] during her natural life.

Third: I give and bequeath unto my son **JOHN** [SMITH] the plantation whereon he now lives and all the lands belonging to me adjoining the said plantation containing four hundred and eighty six acres more or less, one Negro man named CHANU, and one ninth part of the remainder of my estate after all the legacies that are hereby given and all expenses are paid out, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Fourth: I give and bequeath unto my son **SAMUEL** [SMITH] one Negro girl named RACHEL and one ninth part of the remainder of my estate after all legacies and expenses are paid out to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Fifth: I give and bequeath unto my son **DAVID** [SMITH] one Negro man named AMBROUS and one Negro wench named JUDAY and all her children, and one ninth part of the remainder of my estate after all legacies and expenses are paid out to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Sixth: I give and bequeath unto my son **JONATHAN** [SMITH] all the Negroes of my property that is now in his possession and one ninth part of the remainder of my estate after all legacies and expenses are paid to him his heirs and assigns.

Seventh: I give and bequeath unto my son **ALEXANDER** [SMITH] one Negro man named BRANDON, MOLL his wife one wench named SALL and her three children, one boy named SUPEE, one feather bed and furniture, which is now called his own, and one tract of land lying on black Creek whereon I now have a quarter, also my manor plantation with the lands adjoining thereto on both sides Middle Creek after the death of my wife, and one ninth part of the remainder of my estate after all legacies and expenses are paid out to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Eighth: I give and bequeath unto my daughter **JANE** [SMITH WILLIAMS] and her children one ninth part of the remainder of my estate after all legacies and expenses are paid out to be divided in the following manner, to wit, forty shillings current money of this state to herself, and one third of the said ninth part to her son **JOEL WILLIAMS** and the remainder thereof to be equally divided amongst the rest of her children to them there heirs and assigns forever.

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Ninth: I give and bequeath unto my daughter **EDITH** [SMITH] and her children one ninth part of the remainder of my estate after all legacies and charges are paid out to be divided in the following manner, to wit, to herself forty shillings current money of this state and the remainder of the said ninth part to be equally divided amongst all her children to them their heirs & assigns forever.

Tenth: I give and bequeath [----] all legacies and expenses are paid [----] heirs and assigns forever.

Eleventh: I give and bequeath unto my daughter **ELIZABETH** [SMITH] one ninth part of the remainder of my estate after all legacies and expenses are paid out to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved sons **SAMUEL SMITH** and **DAVID SMITH** my executors to this my last will and testament, disannulling and revoking all other will or wills by me heretofore made and ratifying and confirming this only to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of February Anno Domini 1779.

Signed, sealed, declared and [----]

SAMUEL SMITH {seal}

The presents of us, who in the presents of each other subscribed our names

JOHN SANDERS
SAMUEL WILLIAMS
WILLIAM TAYLOR
JOHN CARRELL

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