

*[Lea L. Dowd](#) discovered this valuable bit of Cumberland County history while researching her SMITH line in Tennessee. Thanks, Lea. [Myrtle Bridges](#). December 24th, 1999*

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## **FARQUARD CAMPBELL & ELIZABETH EXECUTORS ALEXANDER SMITH WILL**

*State of Tennessee, Hamilton District. Superior Court of Equity, April Term 1797*

Farquard Campbell and Elizabeth his wife surviving executors of Last Will & Testament of Alexander SMITH, decd. They admit that said John Smith Senr left a daughter named Jane who had been married to Thomas PHELPS and another daughter named Pheruba the wife of John HINTON, also a son Samuel Smith the complainant living and that beside the sd two daughters & son who survived him, he had a daughter Anne who married Needham BRYAN, Elizabeth who married William Bryan, a son John and one named Alexander who died before him, all of whom left issue.









These defendants also say that Alexander, son of the intestate, previous to his death make and publish in due form his Last will & testament in writing and therein constitute David Smith, Bryan WHITFIELD & Elizabeth his wife then Executors. The said Elizabeth Smith (now Elizabeth Campbell) and David Smith prove the said will in Cumberland County where the testator resided at the time of his death. Bryan Whitfield never qualified as an Executor and has declined to do so. As Campbell intermarried with Elizabeth 25 March 1792, he is advised executor in right of his wife. Elizabeth is named as relict of Alexander Smith, son of John Smith Senr. (The year entered as '1792' should be '1782')

*An April 1782 Court Record found in Johnston County, NC reads:*

John Smith of Johnston County to 3 grandchildren, Rachel Williams, John Smith and Mary Smith, son and daus of my son Alexander Smith, dec'd for love - 9 negroes; to Rachel Williams - Daniel and his wife Febbee & her youngest son Isom; to Mary Smith - Isom, Randell & Dep; to John Smith - Alfe, Mille and Jacob.. to remain in hands of Mr. Isaac Williams until Mary Smith & Rachel Williams reach 16 and John Smith reaches 18. Wit: Willm Whitfield, J Bryan, Joseph Barnes and Sam Smith.

**Source: Johnston Co., NC Unmarked DB 2 Apr 1782/Feb Ct 1783 / Lea Dowd**

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