

1787

In the name of God Amen.

I Richard Smith of Bladen County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner following to wit:-

First I desire all my just debts and funeral charges may be paid by my Executors hereafter mentioned.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Lucy Smith the land and plantation whereon I shall die together with one negro woman Phillis during her widowhood and after her marriage or decease I give devise and bequeath the same to my son Macom Smith to him and to his heirs forever.

Also I give to my said wife two of the best feather beds and furniture I die possessed of and a chiece part of the rest of the household furniture and stock of Cattle and Hogs so that I shall die possessed of.

It is also my desire that should the above named negro woman Phillis build to the amount of four children that my son Lyon shall have the two first and my son Noble the other two to be delivered to him at a year old each. It is also my desire that after my decease my executors may hire out the unwarying negroes I may die possessed of, if the negroes should not be agreeable to my said wife to keep the money for the support of my family.

Also it is my desire that the remainder of my estate be equally divided between the rest of my children viz- Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, Tobias, Lyon, Noble and Mary to them and their heirs, and assigns forever.

And I hereby appoint my friends John Willis Eliza Burns and Samuel Porter Esquires Executors of this my last Will and Testament and revoking all former wills by me made confirming this only to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this - day of - in the 8th year of American Independence.

Pronounced and acknowledged by the Testator

Richard Smith in the
Presence of us

James ^{his} Washburn

Elizabeth ^{his} Wade

Richard Smith (Seal)

In the name of God Amen

I Hugh Stewart planter in Bladen County in North Carolina through the abundant mercy and goodness of God though weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory blessed be God for it, do make this my last Will and Testament as followeth.

I order and desire all my lawful debts to be paid in the first place, afterwards I order and desire my dear and beloved wife Catherine Stewart to have all my horses and cattle and sheep and hogs and all my household goods and all manner of movables whatsoever belonging to me to her Will and disposal. I order and desire my beloved wife to have the plantation whereon I now live upon, containing a Hundred acres of land with all the privileges thereunto belonging during her life time and after her decease I order and desire the said plantation with all its site and title to my dear brother Robert Stewart first lawfully, mail heir to him and his heirs, failing a mail heir of my brother Robert I order and desire the about said plantation to my brother Robert's daughter Elizabeth Stewart to her and the heirs of her body.

I order and make my dear wife sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

RECORD OF WILLS.

and seal this 6th day of June and in the year
of our Lord 1771

Witness:

Neill McCloudkey
William McNeill
Neill Shaw

Hugh Stewart (Seal)

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In the name of God "Amen"

I Broughton Singletary of the State of North
Carolina of Bladen being weak in body but in perfect
mind and memory and understanding do constitute
this my last Will and Testament, and as touching my
worldly estate where with it hath pleased God to bless
me in this life I devise and dispose of in the fol-
lowing manner and form. VIZ=

I give unto my beloved Wife Mary Singletary all
her Possessions Real and Personal. that she was
possessed of at the day of our marriage to dispose
of it in what manner she thinks proper, and the
remainder of my estate to continue in my wife's
possession until my Son Joseph Singletary comes
to be twenty one years of age then to be equally
divided between my three Children Joseph Singletary
Deborah Singletary Benjamin Singletary and
for my wife to keep Benjamin part in her pos-
session until he is twenty one years of age and
if there should be a necessity to sell any of the
negroes to pay my debts let it be a negro girl
named Amy and if she is sold it is in the
power of my Executors and Executrix to sell her
or any of my property at Public or Private sale
as they may think proper to pay my debts and
I hereby constitute and appoint my brother Benjamin
Singletary and my beloved Wife Mary Singletary
my Executors and Executrix of this my last

RECORD OF WILLS.

Will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this 7th day of September 1790.

Signed Sealed published pronounced
and declared by the said Broughton
Singletary the Testator as his last
Will and Testament. in the presence
of us the Subscribers and intending
before assigned.

Benjamin Singletary
Lucy ^{his} Maty
William Maty

Broughton Singletary

In the name of God "Amen"

The 4th day of July in the Year of Our Lord 1792
I Joseph Singletary of the County of Bladen and
Province of North Carolina being of perfect mind
and memory and understanding do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament to

Imprimus It is my Will and I do order that
in the first place all my just debts and funeral
charges be first paid and satisfied

It is my Will and desire that my children shall be
educated out of my whole estate what and my Ex-
ors here after mentioned shall think sufficient.

It is my Will and desire that my beloved Wife
Mary Singletary enjoy my whole estate both Real
and Personal. during her Widowhood except the
schooling of the children but in case she marries that
immediately after that she is to have one third part
of all the remainder of my movable or personal
estate laid off to her by my Executors here after
mentioned. To her her heirs and assigns forever

It is my Will and desire the other two thirds