

## RECORD OF WILLS.

5<sup>th</sup>  
6<sup>th</sup>

And in case of the death of either of the children the whole property to be divided between the surviving children of her body I give and bequeath to Robt Simpson the son of my wife's daughter twenty dollars I give and bequeath to William Bright after the death of his mother the plantation on which I live containing lightly five acres more or less and in case of his death to be equally divided between surviving children of his mother.

I nominate Constitute and appoint my wife Roxanna Bright Executrix and John B Brown and John Osoway Executors of this my last will and testament

Jan 22 1829

Robt Bright <sup>test</sup>

Signed sealed published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the said Robt Bright in presence of us who here signed our names in the presence of said testator and in presence of each other

Edward J. Bernard.

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In the name of God "Amen" S. James Smith of Bladen County and state of North Carolina do the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of One Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty seven make and declare this my last will and testament as follows =

- 1<sup>st</sup> my Will is that all my just debts and Funeral charges be paid by my Executors.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That my estate be disposed of and divided in the manner as the Laws of North Carolina direct with the exception that my wife choose the Household and Kitchen Furniture, Fanning utensils and all the Stock of every description what she may think necessary for her use if my wife and children that are most of age agree to a sale of my real estate in that case I will and direct that my Executors sell all or any part of my Real Estate for so much Cash or give a liberal Credit to enhance a value securing the said debt by Bonds and Mortgage. And the proceeds from such sale be valued as personal Estate and divided accordingly I do hereby make and ordain my sons Thomas Smith and John Smith Executors of this my last will and Testament.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> In witness whereof S. James Smith to this my said Will and Testamento set my hand and seal on the day and year first above written

James. Smith Seal

March 1<sup>st</sup> 1848 - Of my Blooded Mare Caroline or her Colt should not be disposed of before my death I give to my Son Thomas the aforesaid Mare and to my Son John the said Colt. But should either the Mare or the Colt be disposed of the one to whose use there are so disposed of shall be consider'd out as having been paid for the same and the other to him as directed in the further division of my Estates that Major Brown be charged with the account which I shall leave against him as above on my Books as money to a branch due him

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made to John Gerard which will be noted on my Books to be likewise Charged in his distribution share  
In testimony whereof I have set my Hand and seal  
James Smith seal

May 4<sup>th</sup> 1849, My Bloody Mare Caroline being sold and to be delivered to William D. Meares Esqr for Five hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid on the delivery of the Mare. I give to my son John Smith my Colt Suerdon out of Carolina and my Fifty Volt Elm. Henglao, out of Carolina by  
and above his distribution share of  
any Estate he services rendered. me +

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

James Smith seal

September the 9<sup>th</sup> 1838 - My will further is that in the division of my Real Estate that the part set off for my Son John Smith be on the lower side of my land, including the Mill without any value set to the Mill as they are his own labor and expense with some of my assistance in labor for which he has compensated me by his services and all that part of my Estate both Real and Personal which would fall to my daughter Sophia Leonard I give devise and bequeath to my Son John Smith to have his heirs Executors and Administrators upon the special trust that the said John Smith his heirs Executors or Administrators will hold the same in Trust for the sole and separate use of my said daughter Sophia Leonard for and during her natural life and then for the use of the heirs of her body to them their heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof I have set to set my hand and seal the date first above written

James Smith seal

In the Name of God "Amen"  
I Thomas Smith of the County of Bladen in the State of North Carolina being in perfect mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, hereby revoking all former wills made by me. Viz =

I give to my wife Margaret Smith during her natural life all my lands bought of Richard D. Spaight and improvements including my Dwelling House and out buildings and more if not deemed a sufficient sum.

I give and bequeath to my grandsons Thomas McDonald, Thomas Pendle and Thomas McMillan all my lands bought of the heirs of James Peaberton subject to the debts of my wife if needed.

I give and bequeath to my son Thomas C. Smith the residue and remainder of all my lands including my Miles and all things appertaining thereto and also the lands given to my wife or her deceased and also my timber bought of Thomas D. Weston & wife on the lands now owned by Genl McKay and also the timber in the lands sold John McRae and all other timber owned by me in other lands sold and timber reserved for my use to him and his family.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Maria Pendle One acre lot in the Town of Fayetteville to her and her heirs of her body forever.

It is my Will and desire that if the lands in Fayetteville are necessary that the proceeds be divided between my Son Thomas C. Smith and my daughter Ann Maria Pendle and their heirs except my wife's part.

I give to my wife Margaret Smith during her natural life an equal share or thrids part of all my personal or movable property except such as may be left after mentioning or particularly giving away including the negroes that came by her namely - Darryl, Darry, Jimmy and Maria and their increase etc at her disposal to do with as she may think best all the remainder that she may leave