

RECORD OF WILLS.

I John Smith Sen^r of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form following- That is to say-

Item 1st That my Executors herein after named, shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and shall pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, themselves and to whomsoever coming out of the money that may first come into their hands, as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 2^d I give and devise to my eldest daughter, Polly Jane, wife of James, wife of John, the sum of fifty cents, to be paid by my Executors out of any money belonging to my estate, which sum together with the advancements, made to her since her marriage, will make her a fair and equal portion according to the value of my personal estate to be hers and at her disposal absolutely forever.

Item 3^d I give and bequeath unto my eldest son Shadrach Smith, my son David Smith, my daughter Mariam Smith the wife of William Smith my daughter Jane Smith, the wife of Allen Smith, one cow and calf each, if at my death there be a cow and calf for each of them, otherwise my stock of cattle, to be equally divided among them.

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my son Shadrach Smith, my son David Smith, my daughter Mariam Smith, the wife of William Smith, and my daughter Jane Smith the wife of Allen, Smith all the money that may be in my possession at the time of my death, together with the notes, judgments, and all just claims belonging to my estate after my funeral expenses and all my just debts are paid out of their amount to be equally divided among them.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Smith the wife of Allen Smith, my bed and all my beds.

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Furniture.

Item 5th It is my will and desire that all my stock of hogs, and residue of my property, be equally divided share and share alike, between my son Shadrach Smith my son David Smith my daughter Mariam Smith the wife of William Smith, and my daughter Jane Smith the wife of Allen Smith, to them their heirs and assigns absolutely forever. And lastly I do constitute and appoint my beloved and trusty son, and son in law, David Smith, and Allen Smith, my lawful Executors, to all intents and purposes, to execute, this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof. In witness whereof I the said John Smith Sen^r do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 9th day of June A.D. 1843.

John ^{his} Smith ^{Test} ^{mark}

Signed sealed published
and declared by the said
John Smith Sen^r to be his
last will and testament
in presence of us who at
his request, and in his presence
do subscribe our names, as
witnesses thereto.
David McDuffie
John Cain.

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of my personal estate. Also I give and bequeath three hundred acres of land adjoining to Robert Bakers lower line not to interfere with the Mill by at least one hundred yards. But if land should be wanting to make up the quantity that it be taken on an angle above the said Mill to make up the quantity of three hundred acres to Mary Caddington while her daughter Nancy Caddington comes of age or is marriageable then to the said Nancy and her heirs forever.

Also I give and bequeath to my son William Stone when he arrives at the age of twenty five years, who is nineteen years of age past the first day of this month present, all the remain six of my lands in Brompton after the above devise to him and his heirs forever. Also I give and bequeath to my said son William Stone five hundred acres of land lying on Stones Creek in New Haven County together with all my personal estate after my debts are paid to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

I direct that all the lands and personal estate aforesaid bequeathed to my son William Stone be in care of my Executors hereinafter named until my son arrives at the above age.

As to what estate I may have in the Jerseys now in the possession of my father I direct that should my father survive me he will dispose of the same amongst my nearest relatives as he thinks proper, but should my father be at this time dead I direct that his Executors may dispose of the said estate as above.

And I do hereby appoint my friends William McKee Esq. and Robert Viles Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, and I do hereby publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, signed sealed and published

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and declared by Benjamin Stone as and for his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have signed our names in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other Benjamin Stone (seal)

Ababella Viles }
Archd Darrad }
John White }

In the name of God Amen

I John Smith of the County of Berks and State of North Carolina being sick and weak, but of sound and perfect mind and memory "Blessed be God"

Do this 20th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner following: that is to say:-

First I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God in sure and certain hope of a Resurrection to eternal life.

Secondly I give my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors

And as touching my worldly estate which God has been pleased to bless me with I give and bequeath in the manner following: That is to say:-

First I give to my half brother Francis Thomas my horse, saddle and bridle.

Secondly I give to my Mother Margaret Thomas all and singular the remainder of my estate both Real and Personal during her natural life and after her death to her children forever. And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friends David and George Thomas Executors of my Last Will

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Testament. In witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed, published, and declared by the said John Smith the Testator as his last Will and Testament.

In the presence of us } John Smith (seal)
John Barrow
Jonathan Thomas
Thomas Lloyd.

In the name of God amen.

I Sarah Salter of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, Blessed be God! I do publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit:

First I will and desire that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Item I give and bequeath to my niece Mary J. Burnell and Sarah J. Thomas Negrs Mutch Hannah and her increase to be equally divided when Sarah J. Thomas comes of age and out of Sarah J. Thomas' share of said Mutch ten pounds to be paid my niece Jane Rose.

Item I give my niece Sarah J. Thomas one Negrs fellow boy, eight cows, six sheep and all my furniture. The remainder of my estate to be equally divided amongst my brothers and sisters George Thomas, John Thomas, William Thomas, Jonathan Thomas, Elizabeth Burnell, Mary Brownson, Susannah Rose and Nancy McCallish in three months after my decease. And I hereby nominate and appoint

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John Thomas and Jonathan Thomas Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 18th August 1797.

Signed sealed and delivered Sarah ^{her} Salter (seal) _{mark}
in the presence of us }
Isaac Sides
Mary Harney
John McKay }

In the name of God amen

I Isaac Salkeld of the County of Sampson and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory Blessed be God:

Do this Twenty fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety five, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following:

First That is to say:
Of all I desire that all my just debts should be paid and satisfied.

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Ruth one Bay mare together with all my stock of Cattle That is all my home and out on stock together with all my stock of hogs together with feather beds, bedsteads and furniture together with all my plantation and farming tools, together with all my household furniture together with all the rest of the property that I am possessed with together with all the debts that is owing me to her and her heirs forever.

And I do hereby make and ordain my beloved wife Ruth Salkeld executor to this Will and Testament. Setting hand and seal