

viz- To John one half of a two hundred acre tract granted to me the 20th of October 1793, including the plantation where I now live the sum of the four dams to be the dividing line. John to have the lower part and Thomas Cashwell all above the said tract,

I give and bequeath to the said Thomas another tract containing one hundred and forty five acres granted to me the 21st day of July 1804,

I give and bequeath to the said John four other tracts of land entered in the said County of Bladen containing in all four hundred acres one tract containing one hundred acres granted to me the 18th day of December 1802 one other tract containing fifty acres granted to me 27th day of Nov. 1819, one other tract containing one hundred and fifty acres granted to me 17th day of December 1796 and one other tract containing one hundred acres conveyed by deed from John Smith to me dated July 1796,

I give and bequeath to the said John all my stock of every description household and kitchen furniture tools and implements of husbandry, Will and Livia two old negroes I give their freedom but enjoin it on the said to feed and clothe them well as long as they live -

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Cashwell Senr the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof -

Elihu Barnes

Robt. Formidge

John^{his} Cashwell (seal)
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State of North Carolina

Bladen County. In the name of God "Amen".
I, Mary Council of County and State aforesaid being in my right mind and perfect senses and considering the uncertainty of mental life do make and establish this my last Will and Testament in the following form.

I give and bequeath unto the female heirs of my daughter Ann Smith and Maria Purdie, Mary Smith the daughter of my daughter Margaret Jane, Mary Gause, Harry Gause and Ami Gause and my daughter son Daniel Gause all and singular the negroes stock of every kind, furniture and every thing whatsoever nature or kind that I may be possessed of at my death to be equally divided among them to be forever possessed and enjoyed by them.

I do also constitute and appoint Thomas Smith and J. M. Gause to be Executors of this my last Will hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th of November 1822.

Signed and sealed

In presence of

W. L. Miller

J. J. Robeson

J. A. Robeson

Mary Council (seal)

In the name of God "Amen"

I, Jonathan Smith of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz:-

I desire all my just debts paid.

I give, desire and bequeath to my grand daughter Caroline McKay the following negroes viz: Henry Young Daniel and Jacob Ross, Cashwell and

First
Secondly

her and her heirs and assigns should she not live to marry or become of age I desire the above property may devolve to her heirs or heirs in the Smith line and not to be removed out of the County or State under these circumstances and to be under the discretion of her Uncle Thomas F. Smith or a Guardian appointed by the Court.

My lands in the upper end of the County say the plantation formerly David L. Whites and the land on Mine Creek and thereabouts of the estate of Col. Thomas Robison deceased my grand daughter Eneline McKay is to have an equal right with her uncle Thomas F. Smith they being heirs at law to this land.

Thirdly,

I give, devise and bequeath to my son Thomas F. Smith the rest and residue of my estate real and personal and chattels to him his heirs and assigns forever.

The following exceptions reservations and restrictions viz- I desire that my house maid Mary who has proved herself faithful and a meritorious slave and who has taken care of my children after the death of their mother may be manumitted and set free and that my Executors may use all and every lawful means to effect the same and further it is my desire that she may live on the lands of my son particularly enjoining his kind attention to her and that she Mary may have the privilege of cultivating as much good up land as she can tend and as convenient as can be had to her house with the privilege of keeping a breeding sow or two and a cow if she may choose and raise poultry and as an outfit I desire my Executors to furnish her with twenty dollars out of my estate and if from age or infirmity she may not be able to provide for herself it is my desire that my son pay her annually twenty dollars should it alternately turn out that Mary's manumission can not be effected, in that case I desire she may be the property of my son Thomas F. Smith &c.

And lastly I constitute and appoint my son Thomas F. Smith sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills and

Testaments by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This the 31st day of August Anno Domini 1822.

Jonathan Smith (seal)

The last Will and Testament of Jonathan Smith deceased was presented for Probate by Thomas F. Smith the executor therein named there being no witnesses thereto and it appearing to the Court that all and every part thereof was in the hand writing of the deceased and that it was found among his most valuable papers and effects the Court pronounced it duly proved and ordered it to be recorded.

From the minutes of the Court November Term 1823 } A. McDowell Clerk.

In the name of God Amen
I William Davis Senr. of Bladen County being of perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for it, yet knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz- After my funeral charges and just debts be paid by my Executors hereafter named out of such part of my estate as they may deem most proper.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Isabella Davis forever one half of my estate of every description real and personal.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Isabella Davis for and during the term of her natural life all my estate of every description real and personal after the death of my beloved wife I give and bequeath unto my lawful heirs the other half.