

make to John Leonard which will be noted on my Books to be likewise changed in his distributive share
In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal
James. Smith seal

May 4th 1829, My blooded Mare Caroline being sold and to be delivered to William D. Means Esq for Two hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid on the delivery of the Mare. I give to my son John Smith my Colt "Sunder" out of Caroline and my filly Colt "Ella" Henglas, out of Caroline, by

and above his distributive share of my Estate for services rendered, me &c

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

James. Smith seal

September the 24th 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 Mills without any value set to the Mills 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 him his heirs Executors and administrators, upon the special trust that he 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 hereunto 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 dower

I give and bequeath to my grand sons Thomas McBurnett Thomas Pindie and Thomas McMillan all my lands bought of the heirs of James Pemberton subject to the dower of my wife if needed.

I give and bequeath to my son Thomas L. Smith the residue and remainder of all my lands including my Mills and all things appertaining thereto and also the lands given to my wife or her dower and also my timber bought of Thomas D. Hoston & wife in the lands now owned by Genl. W. H. Hays and also the timber in the lands sold John McRethaw and all other timbers owned by me in other lands sold and timber reserved for my use to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Mariah Pindie one acre lot in the town of Fayetteville to her and the heirs of her body forever

It is my Will and desire that if the lands in Tennessee are recovered that the proceeds be divided between my son Thomas L. Smith and my daughter Ann Mariah Pindie, and then theirs except my wife's part.

I give to my wife Margaret Smith during her natural life an equal share or child's part of all my personal or movable property except such as may be hereafter mentioned or particularly given away, including the negroes that came by her namely - Dany, and Minerva their increase which said negroes Dany, Jimmy and Mariah and their increase shall at her disposal to do with as she may think fit but all the remainder that she may have

estate or family of negroes and their increase to return or revert to my children Thomas, C. Smith Mary Jane McDonnell and Ann Mariah Purdie, to them their heirs and assigns forever, to be equally divided between them.

I also give to my wife one horse and gig and and above an equal share. The remainder or residue of my personal property, I give to my son Thomas, C. Smith and Mary Jane McDonnell and Ann Mariah Purdie to be equally divided between them except such that has been particularly mentioned or given away hereafter below.

I give to my son Thomas, C. Smith the privileges of taking my man Jack, the blacksmith at his valuation and boy John likewise now in his possession.

I give to my son Thomas, C. Smith my blacksmith tools and one wagon and half of my household furniture and plantation tools.

I give to my two grand sons John L. and Thomas, C. McMillan, my two negro women now in the possession of John, Fred. McMillan their father named Esther and Alice and their increase to them and their heirs forever. Should and share alike if either of my said grand sons die without issue the survivor shall inherit his part but in the event of the death of both without issue the said negroes Esther and Alice and increase shall return to my son Thomas, C. Smith Mary Jane McDonnell and Ann Mariah Purdie and their heirs and assigns.

It is my will and desire that my negroes are all kept in the family and accommodated as far as practical in the division of them and all negroes now in the possession of my several children to be taken as a part of their share in the division. It is my will and desire and I do hereby order and direct that all the negroes that may fall to my wife, Margaret Smith that did not come to her share be kept within the limits of Slavery and no account whatever be taken

out of the said limits.

It is my will and desire that my three negroes, John, Sal, and Cook Hannah, in consideration of their loyalty and faithful services be permitted to choose with whom of my heirs or wife they wish to live with and whichever it may be, shall take them at their valuation or be compensated for their maintenance if they should be considered of no value.

I give to Alex McDonnell and Thomas, C. Smith and each of their heirs Executors and administrators in this official trust and confidence that they will hold all the property in trust that may fall to my daughter Ann Mariah Purdie of my Estate for the sole and separate use and comfort of her and her issue and their and their heirs forever.

I do hereby constitute Alex McDonnell and Thomas, C. Smith Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. The 27th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, 1836,

Thomas, Smith seal

Be it remembered that on this the 27th day of July 1837 I Thomas Smith do make this bequest to my last Will and Testament. It is my will and desire that all the property I hold or give to my daughter Mary Jane McDonnell may go to her two sons Thomas and John McDonnell after their mothers decease and if either of them should die without issue that his share go to the survivor to them and their heirs forever. Witness my hand and seal.

Thos Smith seal

And I also give to my two grandsons John L. and Thomas, C. McMillan, after the decease of my wife Margaret Smith two negro girls between the ages of 7 and 12 years old, from the lot that shall fall to my said wife, in the division of said negroes purchased by my Executors out of said

Should there be none of that description in the records and if either of them should die without issue the survivor to receive his share. And in the event of the death of both the whole to my heirs, and it is my desire that my wife Margaret Smith shall have as a part of her lot at a fair valuation my Negro Woman Lucinda.

Witness my hand and seal this 17th day of July 1837.

Thos Smith *in*
Dea *in*

Be it remembered that on the 29th of March 1838 I Thomas Smith do make this further Codicil to my last Will and Testament it is my will and desire that the money in my possession or due at the time of my death, shall be kept out on interest by my Executors to be applied to any claims or demands that may come against my Estate, and a proportionable share of the interest arising therefrom be paid to my wife Margt Smith by my Executors during her life and at her death to be equally divided between my Son Thomas, C. Smith and my daughters Mary Jane McDonnell and Anna Maria Purdie or their heirs on the McDonnell side (or Purdie) And it is my will that all the Negroes that came by my wife Margaret D. Smith, viz. Dany, Jimmy and Marana, it is my will that she have the whole and sole disposal of them as she pleases after valuing them as a part of her share of my Estate then to her and her heirs and assigns for ever.

Witness my hand and seal this the 29th day of March 1838-

Thos Smith *in*
Dea *in*

State of North Carolina

Bladen County

Executed 4th 1838-

I do hereby make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows to wit: I bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Cromartie during her natural life, the following property, the plantation whereon I now live, the Saw Mill and Grist Mill and timber for the use of the Saw Mill, also the following negro Alford, Jude, Edy, Princes Esther and Jimmy, and one half of my stock of every description one half of my plantation tools one half of my household and kitchen furniture. I give my wife the privilege of taking choice of stock tools and furniture of every description I give to my two sons, Daniel Washington and Patrick Lafayette Cromartie, all the property that I have besides my wife Elizabeth Cromartie also all my land that I own between Smith River and Colly Swamp, three hundred acres in and in Indian Creek, I also give them the following Negroes, Little Alford, Charad, Jude, Princes, Harry, Stephen, Leah, Deaky, Jane, Edy, Esther, Jimmy, Mary. I likewise give to them twenty shares of Cape Fear Bank Stock, and all the land I own in Florida, all of the above property to be divided equally between them when and they come of age, or as soon after as they see proper.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Anne Smith in addition to what I have already given her, one negro boy by the name of Nelson.

I give and bequeath to my son William Cromartie twenty five dollars in addition to what I have already given him.

I give and bequeath to my son George Cromartie, in addition to that I have already given him, one Negro boy by the name of Tom.

I give and bequeath to my sons Alexander Cromartie and John Cromartie two Negroes, Sabirah and Mary Ann, to be equitably divided between them. I give and bequeath to my son James Cromartie in addition to that I have already given him, one Negro boy and one Negro girl, viz. Sam and Betsey.