

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.

real and personal.

I do hereby nominate my beloved wife Isabella Davis and my beloved friend Patrick Kelly Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I William Davis have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Signed and sealed

In the presence of

J. J. Lanning

David N. Melom

Robert Lytle

William Davis (seal)

A short Will in legal form. In the name of God amen. The seventeenth of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

I John McKay of the County of Bladen being now well in health and memory thanks therefor be given unto God therefor calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

As touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life. I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Firstly I give and bequeath to my son Daniel four hundred acres of land one tract on a Spring of the Middle Swamp one hundred and fifty dollars (one)

I give and bequeath unto my son Neil my possession of land on the Bromie Marsh, one lot in Elizabeth, one negro man named Bob, one heifer to his son named John.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy one hundred acres of land where Henry Gladrick lives and ten head of cattle, one bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Effie twenty dollars and to her son John one heifer.

I give to my daughter Mary ten dollars.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Flora six head of cattle, five head of sheep, one bed and furniture.

I give to my daughter Margaret six head of cattle, five head of sheep, one bed and furniture and ten dollars to buy her a Bible.

I give and bequeath to my son John the plantation where I live and all the rest of my land which I did not dispose of the balance of all my stock, hogs, cattle, horses, sheep, and plantation tools, furniture, one negro boy named Bill, one negro girl named Rose, my family Bible and Psalm book, Confession of faith, Mr. Hraus's Sermon Book, one Willis's Sacramental Catechism and Jones's Dictionary.

It is my desire that my son John attend to my grand son John McKay son of my daughter Nancy that he John will give schooling and take care of him until he should be capable of supporting himself.

I give to my son Neil the explanation of the Lord and Concordance and two volumes of Boyles Works, two volumes of the Church of Scotland and the book named Religion of Nature.

I do hereby ordain and appoint my son Neil McKay Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I do hereby set my hand and seal, this 19th day of September 1820.

Witness:

John Darrah

Archibald Darrah

John McKay (seal)