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State of North Carolina } Last will of
Beauregard County. } James R. Smith.

I, James R. Smith of said County and State 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:

I will that my Executor hereafter named shall pay all my honest debts housewares and to whomsoever owing out of the first money that shall come to his hands as a part and parcel of my Estate.

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my wife Amanda E. Fifty two acres of Land, bounded as follows, to wit. Beginning at a Red Oak on the South Side of the bottom and runs with Beauregard line N. 26 E. 23 poles to a rock and Pointers in said line. thence a new line N. 69 W. 256 Poles to a rock and Pointers (below the Spring) thence South 6 W. 68 Poles to a Pine Knot. thence S. 55 E. 26 Poles to a Stake in the Road, old Corner, thence with Carpenter's and Clark's lines. S. 77 E. 17 Poles to a Post Oak. Carpenter's Corner. thence N. 25 E. 47 Poles to a Stone. Clark's Corner. thence N. 20 E. 191 Poles to the beginning. We have during

Corner, thence N. 25 E. 47 Poles to a Stone, black corner
thence S. 70 E. 184 Poles to the beginning, I have during
her natural life time and after her death I will that
said land be either divided, or sold and the money
equally divided among my heirs

I give my wife all my house hold and Kitchen
furniture One Carryall or One horse wagon and
provisions sufficient for one years support. One
horse or mule. her Choice. One Cow if on hand at my
decease. two head of Sheep. two head of hogs also, and
that this personal property be sold after her death, the
money equally divided among my heirs

Item 2nd

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth C. Mawney
fifty acres of (Pine) Land adjoining land of J. B. Sipe
and others Beginning at a Pine in the old line and run
with Sipe's line N. 33 W. 79 Poles to a Pine, his corner
thence N. 30 W. 78 Poles to a Black Gum, thence N. 28 W.
13 Poles to a large Pine, thence N. 53 E. 16 Poles to a stake,
and Pointers, thence S. 30 E. 4 Poles a small Pine.
thence East 108 Poles to a rock in said line, thence
a new line S. 6 W. 133 Poles to the Beginning

Item 3rd

I give and bequeath to my son John M. Smith
Fifty One and a half acres of land bounded as

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follows. Adjoining Beams and E. E. Black's lands
Beginning at a rock old Corner on the south side
of the Creek and runs with Beams line S. 26 W.
23 Poles to a rock, new Corner N. 69 W. 243 Poles
to a rock thence another new line, N. 6 E. 59 Poles
to a rock Pole in E. E. Black's line. thence with it
S. 77 E. 79 Poles to a Post Oak his Corner thence with
Beams line S. 25 W. 37 Poles to a Gum. Old Corner.
thence S. 70 E. 187 Poles to the beginning.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah F. Glenn
fifty five and One half acres of land adjoining
lands of B. M. Carpenter, E. E. Black and others,
bounded as follows. to wit. Beginning at a Pine stump
and Pointed B. M. Carpenter's Corner and runs with
his line N. 34 E. 74 Poles to a Post Oak, and Spanish Oak
thence N. 15 E. 118 Poles to a Post Oak. Black's Corner, thence
N. 67 E. 21 Poles to a rock formerly a white Oak. thence
S. 77 E. 23 Poles to a rock Pole in said line. thence new
line S. 6 W. 59 Poles to a rock. thence N. 79 W. 13 Poles
to a rock. thence S. 6 W. 68 Poles to a Pine Knot. thence
S. 55 E. 26 Poles to a Stake in the Lincoln and Kings Mountain
road, thence with it to the beginning.

Item Fifth. I will that all the land

to a rock. thence S. 6 W. 68 Poles to a Pine Knot. thence
S. 55 E. 26 Poles to a Stake in the Lincoln and King Mountain
road, thence with it to the beginning.

Item. Fifth. I will that all the balance of my land not already
bequeathed be sold and all other Personal Property be
sold not already bequeathed and that the money aris-
ing from such sale together with all my money
on hand and at interest be equally divided
between my children namely Elizabeth P. Mauney.
John M. Smith. Sarah J. Glenn. and James M. Smith

And "lastly"

After all burial and funeral expenses are paid
I do hereby appoint R. J. Glenn my lawful Executor
to execute this my last will and testament according
to the true intent and meaning thereof hereby revoking all former
will by me made or said to be made. In witness whereof
I, the said James R. Smith do hereunto set my hand and
seal. This 15th day of December 1885

Signed, Published, and declared by the said James R. ^{his} Smith ^{mark} 
Smith in our Presence, who at his request and in his
presence do subscribe as witnesses thereto.

J. Kiser
D. A. White.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
 Gaston County }

A Paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James R. Smith deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by Jacob Kiser and the due Execution thereof by the said James R. Smith is proved by the Oath and examination of Jacob Kiser and J. A. White the subscribing witnesses thereto. who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself deposeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of James R. Smith that the said James R. Smith in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing now shown him as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 15th day of December 1886. And the deponent further saith that the said James R. Smith the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid. declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will

the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid. declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his last will and testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said James R. Smith was of sound mind and memory... of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further, these deponents say not.

Jacob Kiser *(initials)*
J. A. White *(initials)*

Personally Sworn and Subscribed this 26th day of
May 1891. before me

E. L. Wilson, clerk.
Superior Court.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court.
Gaston County }

In the matter of the last will } Certificate of Probate.
of James R. Smith deceased }

It appearing to the court that
by the Oath and Examination of Jacob Oiser and
J. A. White the subscribing witnesses thereto that the paper
writing propounded by Jacob Oiser is the last will and
testament of James R. Smith and that the same was duly
executed by the said James R. Smith in the presence
of said witnesses and that at the time of signing
the same the said James R. Smith was of sound mind.
It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing
be admitted to probate as the last will and testament
of the said James R. Smith and the Executor therein
named qualify as such. This the 26th day of May 1891.

E. L. Wilson. clerk.

Superior Court.

State of North Carolina } Before E. L. Wilson. clerk.
Gaston County } Superior Court.

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In the matter of the last will } Before E. L. Wilson. clerk.
of Samuel Best. Decd. } Superior Court.

Caleb Pasour being duly sworn deposes that Samuel Best late of said County is and having first made and published his last Will and Testament and that he, Caleb Pasour, and Charlotte Best. widow, are the executor named therein. Further that the property of the late Samuel Best consisting of 404 Acres of Land. One Mule, Five Cows, Six Hogs, Six Sheep, Farming Tools, Household stuff, is worth about Three Thousand (\$3000⁰⁰) as far as can be ascertained at the date of this application and that Charlotte Best. Widow, George Luther Best, William C. Best, Sarah Rhyan, Martha Rhyan and Martin Best (once dead) are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
The 17th day of July 1891
C. L. Wilson. clerk.
Superior Court.