

this twenty third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six signed sealed published pronounced and declared by said Jesse Brown as his last will and testimony in the presence of us who is in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereto subscribed our names.

James Frost
Reading & Brile

Johnston County August Term 1808

Then was the above will exhibited in open court which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded

R. Sanders C.R.

Will of Sam Smith Sr

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Smith Sr of the Co of Johnston & State of N. Carolina being of sound mind & disposing memory do make publish and declare this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in manner & form following.

Item I give to my son Samuel Smith all of the lands I own on the north side of Neuse River which lies above or on the west side of the great branch to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give to my sons John McKinnis & Larkin Smith all the lands I own on the south side of Neuse River to be equally divided between them two them and their heirs forever.

Item I give to my son Alvan Smith the lands and plantation adjoining whereon I now live except as before excepted to him and his heirs forever reserving to my wife Zilpha Smith the use of the plantation and improvements during her natural life. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 6th day of March A.D. 1807. Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of

E. Smith
Henry Jones

Johnston County August Term 1807

Then was the above will exhibited in open court which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded

R. Sanders. clk

Will of Nathan Smith

In the name of God Amen I Nathan Smith of the State of North Carolina Johnston County being in a low state of health although of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same calling unto mind the mutability of any body and knowing that it is appointed 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 God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the last general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, I will and request that all my just debts be paid before any estate be distributed.

Item I give unto my heirs six pounds current money to be equally divided among them

Item I lend to Dice Hawley four hundred and sixty seven acres of land with all the improvements thereon. I also lend to said Dice Hawley all of my stock of horses, cattle hogs and sheep with all any household and kitchen furniture with all species of property that I am possessed with be it of what name or nature it may be during her natural life and then to be the property of her daughter Patience Hawley to her and her heirs forever and I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Hardy Williamson and Dice Hawley executors to this my last will and testament satisfying and confirming the same under my hand and seal this the sixth day of November 1808 Signed sealed published and declared by the said Nathan Smith the said testator in the presence

of us
Barthley Deans
Nathan Parker
Geo Williamson

Nathan Smith

Johnston County February Term 1809

Then was the above will exhibited in open court for probate which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded

R. Sanders C.R.