

In the Name of God Amen I Guy Smith of Bedford
County and Parish of Russell being at this present of sound mind although
Weak in Body do here make my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all
my former Wills. In the first Place I Confirm unto my Daughter Anne
Crigg whatever I have already Given her to her and her Heirs for ever
I Confirm unto my Daughter Elizabeth Smith what I have already given
her to her and her Heirs for ever I lend to my Daughter Joannah Nail
during her life time Two Negroes now in the Possession of Abertage Hackshaw
Lann and Stephen and at her decease I give to my Grand Daughter Mary
Nail the aforesaid Negro Stephen to her and her Heirs for ever, Lann and
her Increase I desire to be Equally divided Amongst the rest of the said Joannah
Nails Children, the said Mary Nail Excepted I lend to my Wife Anne Smith
my House Household and Kitchen furniture Excepting my Writing Desk
with the Land and Plantation whereon I now live with a Field part
of my Slaves and all the stock of Cattle Hogs and sheep during her
widowhood provided Nothing mentioned shall be construed to hinder her from
giving any part of the stock to the Children should they marry
I give to my son Bird S. Smith my Writing Desk My desire is that
my Estate shall be kept Together to Educate my Children and that
my son Guy Smith receive a Liberal Education out of my Estate

My desire is that a Neat Hunting saddle be purchased out of my Estate for my
 Daughters Lucy Susannah and Kate Bowker and a Neat Mans saddle for my
 son Guy My Will is that as my Children shall marry I desire they may have as
 proportional part of my Estate so as not to exceed what I have already given to
 my now married Children, to be Laid of by a Majority of my Executors and whom
 ever else my Wife may Appoint as Executors to them, to them and their
 Heirs forever My desire is that my Copper plate shall be kept for the Benefit
 of my Wife and unmarried Children (to wit) Jenny Bird Bowker, Lucy Susan-
 nah Kate Bowker and Guy My desire is that ^{the} ~~part~~ of my Estate may remain
 after my Children are all married Excepting my Wifes part to be Equally
 Divided Amongst my Children Joannah Anne Elizabeth Bird Bowker
 Jenny Lucy Susannah Kate Bowker and Guy I give to my Sons Bird
 B. Smith and Guy Smith all the Lands I hold in this County to be Equally
 Divided Between them according to Quantity and Locality Exclusive of a
 Childs part of my Other Estate to them and their Heirs forever and in
 Case of the death or marriage of my Wife my desire is that my Estate be
 kept Together as aforementioned After the death of my Wife my desire is
 that her part of the Estate shall be kept Together till all the Children
 have their Equal shares and then her part to be divided Equally
 amongst the Children (to wit) Joannah Anne Elizabeth Jenny Bird
 Bowker Lucy Susannah Kate Bowker and Guy My desire is that each of my unmarried Children be furnished with a saddle

and My desire is that each of my unmarried Children be furnished with a saddle
Horse out of my stock, and should my stock of Horses be too Numerous my desire
is that all the Superfluous part be sold. I desire that my Land in Buckingham
County which I purchased of Standlay Gower be sold and the Money arising
therefrom to be for the Benefit of my unmarried Children as my Executors
and Wife may see Cause. My desire is that whichever of my sons Bird Bonth
or a Gentlehall Palace the place whereon I now live, in case of the death in
Marriage of my Wife I give to him my Copper Still to him and his Heir for
ever. My desire is that as that as soon as the season for mares are over
that my Stallion be sold and the money Applied to my Estate, I give to
my son Guy Smith my Shot Gun. My desire is that my Books of all Kinds be
Equally divided between my sons Bird Bonth Smith and Guy Smith so as not
to Break a lot and as I have an Order on James Speed of Charlotte County
for Ten thousand pounds of Unsweetened Tobacco my desire is that it be sold
also for the Benefit of my Children. Lastly I Appoint Daniel Trigg
Stephen Smith and Bird Bonth Smith Executors to this my last Will and
Testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and
published and declared this as my last Will and Testament This Tenth
day of January one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one
Signed Sealed published and declared in the presence of us
W. L. Smith

throughout to be for the Benefit of my unmarried Children as my Executors -
and Wife may see Cause. My desire is that whichever of my sons Bird Borth-
er or Goughall Paper the place whereon I now live in case of the death in
Marriage of my Wife I give to him my Copper Still to him and his heirs for
ever. My desire is that as that as soon as the season for makes one barrel
that my Stillion be sold and the money Applied to my Estate. I give to
my son Guy Smith my Shot Gun. My desire is that my Books of all Kinds be
Equally Divided between my Sons Bird Borth-Smith and Guy Smith so as not
to Break a lot and as I have an Order to James Speed of Charlotte for
for Ten Thousand pounds of Unsweetened Tobacco my desire is that it be sold
also for the Benefit of my Children. Lastly I appoint Daniel Snigg
Stephen Smith and Bird Borth-Smith Executors to this my last Will and
Testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and
published and declared this as my last Will and Testament This Tenth
day of January one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one.

Signed Sealed Published and declared in the presence of us

W. Lefurich

Nemrod Newman

William L. Nathan

Mark

Guy Smith

John L. Smith

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A Court held for Bedford County the 2th day of Septemb^r 1781
This last Will and Testament of ~~James Smith~~ deceased was proved by the Oaths of
William Leftwich and Nimrod Newman Witnesses thereto subscribed and
Ordered to be recorded And on the petition of Stephen Smith one of the Executors
therein named who made Oath thereto to certify is granted him for Obtaining
Probate in due form giving security whereupon he together with William
Leftwich and Robert Cowan his Deputies entered into and acknowledges
their Bond in the penalty of Five Hundred Thousand pounds for the
said Executors due and faithful Administration of the said decedents
Estate and performance of his Will Liberty being reserved to the Other
Executors named in said Will to join in the Probate thereof when they shall think fit
Teste Septem^r 6th 1781

Milams
Will
In the Name of God Amen 13th of October one thousand
seven Hundred and Eighty Benjamin Milam of Bedford County
being in perfect health and of good and sound Memory thanks be to
Almighty God calling to mind the Mortality of a family of body and knowing
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 bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it
and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent form