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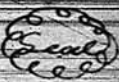
In the Name of God Amen I Absalom Smith Sen of
Botetourt County and State of Virginia being of Sound Mind
understanding knowing it is appointed unto all men once to die
do therefore make this Instrument of Writing my last will and
Testament that is to say Item 1st I desire all my Just debts
be paid Item 2nd I bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary one
third of my Estate both real and personal including the
Original Tract of Land whereupon the Mansion House stands
with the appurtenances thereunto belonging during her life with
the privilege of her choice of the Slaves according to their value
by the appraisement Item 3rd My will and desire is that
my wife have the use and possession of my Clock together
with one hundred dollars in cash during her life one third
what I have bequeathed to her in the second Item of this my
Last will and Testament Item 4th My will and desire is
that the two thirds of my Personal Estate be equally divided
amongst all my Children taking into the account the here

of my two daughters Mary Polly and Nancy Kate the heirs of each
to have their Mother's share equally among them. Item 5th My
will and desire is that the heirs of Polly Petty deceased have
one hundred dollars paid them by my four sons John Abner
William and Richard. Item 6th My will and desire is that
my ~~son~~ daughter Elizabeth Wood have one hundred dollars
to be paid out of my Estate more than my other children.
Item 7 My will is that my four sons have out of my
Estate three hundred dollars more than the rest out of which
they must pay Polly Petty her one hundred dollars which
is allowed to them in the fifth Item foregoing. Item 8th
I give and bequeath unto my four sons John Abner William
and Richard my Tract of Land lying in the State of North
Carolina to be equally divided between them. Item 9th My
will and desire is that my four sons have the Original
Tract of Land equally divided at their Mother's death.
Item 10th My will and desire is that my wife have and enjoy
her life which was intended to be inserted in the second
item of this my last will and Testament that it to say
the whole of said tract of Land. Item 11 My will and
desire is that my wife notwithstanding any thing said any
where in this my last will.

fully understood that my son John is to have one hundred dollars less in the division than my other children as I have furnished him with that amount (in property) more than my other children many years past. Item 12 I nominate and appoint my son Absalom Smith my whole and sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal the 16th day of March in the Year of our Lord 1827

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Testator as his Last Will & Testament in presence of us

Absalom Smith



Lewis Thanks

Jonathan Lee

Zachariah Lee

At Botetourt Mag Court 1827

This Instrument of Writing purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Absalom Smith Sen. decd was exhibited in court and proven by the oaths of Lewis Thanks Jonathan Lee & Zachariah Lee Subscribers witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

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