

John Brent, Joseph Tugwa Junr. Samuel Henry

At a Court held for Charlotte County the second day of March 1748
The within written Last Will and Testament of Robert Smith dec'd was
Exhibited in Court by Joel Watkins the Executor therein named, and the
same was proved by the oaths of John Brent, Joseph Tugwa Junr.
and Samuel Henry the three Witnesses hereto subscribed, and Orders
to be Recorded, on the Motion of the said Executor who made oath avowing
to be, Probate of the said Will is granted him he giving security,
Whereupon he together with William Norton his security entered into
and Acknowledges their bond for that purpose

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In the Name of God Amen I Robert Smith of the
County of Charlotte being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and
Memory and knowing the uncertainty of this life do make this my Last
Will and Testament, First and principally I recommend my Soul to

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Almighty God that grant it and my Body to the earth from whence it was taken
to be buried in such decent and Christian like Manner as my Executors hereafter
named shall think proper and as for my Worldly Estate where with God in his
Mercy hath bestowed me with my wife and desire is that the same may be
disposed in Manner following that is to say first that my Just debts be
all paid Item, I lend to my beloved wife Rachel Smith the land and plantation
whereon I now dwell and all my house hold furniture Except my Smiths Tools
which I shall hereafter other ways dispose of also I lend my Stock of every kind
Except a young mare during her life or widowhood and my will and desire is
that at her death or Marriage that all those things herein lent to my wife
Rachel Smith shall be sold by my Executors and the Money arising from
such sales to be Equally divided amongst all my Children Namely John, Catey,
Joseph, Stephen and James, Item, I lend my Brother Valentine Mercer Smith
my Smiths Tools untill the Twenty second of August one thousand seven
hundred and eighty seven Item, I give to my Brother Valentine Mercer Smith my
Tract of Land in Mucklenburg County containing Sixty five Acres more or less
lying on Holmone Creek near the Court House to him and his heirs forever Item,
I give to my son John Smith a young mare Sol and the Tools that is lent

lying on Solomon Creek near the Coast House to him and his heirs forever I have
given to my son John Smith a young mare col and the Tools that we lent
my Brother to him and his Heirs to be in possession of at the date of one
Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty Seven. Lastly, I do hereby Revoke and
make void all other Wills by me heretofore made and do pronounce this to be
my last will and Testament and I ordain and Appoint my beloved Wife
Rachel Smith and my Brother Valentine Mercer Smith and John Ward my
Executors of this my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Eighth day of February one Thousand
seven Hundred and eighty Eight.

Sealed published and declared.

Conrad Mercer ^{his} X Smith ^{mark} L. S.

in Presence of - John Dickerson, John Ward, Valentine Mercer Smith
At a Court held for Charlotte County the second day of March 1778
The within Written last will and Testament of Conrad Mercer ^{Smith} deceased was Exhibited in
Court by Rachel Smith the Executrix and Valentine Mercer Smith & John Ward
The Executors therein Named, and the same was proved by the oath of John
Dickerson one of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, and ordered to be Recorded, on
the Motion of the said Executors who made oath according to Law to prove of
the said will is granted them they giving Security of

my last will and Testament and I ordain and Appoint my beloved Wife Rachel Smith and my Brother Valentine Mercer Smith and John Ward my Executors of this my last will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Eighth day of February one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Eight.

Sealed, published and Declared

Conrad Mercer ^{his} X Smith ^{mark} L. S.

in Presence of— John Dickerson, John Ward, Valentine Mercer Smith
At a Court held for Charlotte County the second day of March 1778

The within Written last will and Testament of Conrad Mercer ^{Smith} Dec^d was Exhibited in Court by Rachel Smith the Executrix and Valentine Mercer Smith & John Ward the Executors therein named, and the same was proved by the oath of John Dickerson one of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, and ordered to be Recorded, on the Motion of the said Executors who made oath according to Law probate of the said will is granted them they giving security whereupon they together with John Dickerson their security entered into and acknowledged their bond for that purpose, and the said Rachel Smith the Executrix Renounced open Court the Execution of the said Will.

Witness My Hand this 8th day of March 1778
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