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In the Name of God Amen I Richard Hays of the County of
Charlotte and parish of Cornwall, being weak in body but of sound mind and
memory, do make this my last Will and Testament, that is to say I recommend
my Body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner, and my Soul to
God who gave it. And as touching my Worldly Estate, I desire my debts first
of all be paid. then I lend to my beloved Wife Mary Anne Hays, all my
Estate both real and personal during her widowhood, or until the first of my
Children come of Age or Marry's (then my desire is in either case) my perso-
nal Estate be divided in four equal parts, between my Wife and my three Children
namely George Hays, Mary Anne Hays and Samuel Smith Hays, my Wife taking
her first choice, which I lend to her during her natural life, and at her decease
my desire is that it be equally divided between my three Children George, Mary
Anne, Samuel Smith, or their Successors (Children) to them and their Heirs
forever, as also their Allotments above mentioned to them and their Heirs forever.
I give to my Executors and Executive full power at any time to Sell and Convey
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presents hereby disannul and revoke all former Wills, deeds, or Gifts whatever.
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Ann Hays my whole and Sole Executors and Executrix of this my Will and
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Witness: Matthew White, Elizabeth White, Martha White

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 7th day of July 1788.

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for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form, they giving Security, when for
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their Securities entered into and acknowledged their Bond according to Law for
that purpose, Reserving liberty to George Smith the other Executor to join in the