

In the name of God amen I, William Parker of the Parish of Southam in the County of Cumberland being all present in perfect mind and senses do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping for mercy in and thro the \_\_\_\_\_ merits of blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and for my Worldly goods which it hath pleased almighty God to bless me with all I dispose thereof as followeth. Imprimis I lend unto my loving wife Drusilla Parker two old negroes that is Dublin and Sarah during her natural life. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth two negroes one named Diner Daughter of Sarah and the other named Dublin son of Sarah they and their increase to her and her heirs forever and if my said daughter decease without issue, the said negroes to return equally between my three sons that is Daniel, Obediah and William to them and their heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my two sons, that is Obediah and William the manner (Manor) Plantation containing one hundred acres of land obtained a deed of my Father for the same the said land equally to be divided between the said Obediah and William to them and their heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel four hundred acres of land lying and being in the county of Hallifax on Chestnut Creek obtained a right by Daniel Terry, to him and his heirs forever, furtherly I appoint that all the rest of my Lands may be sold and to pay my Debts with and the over plus of the money the said lands sells for I give to my well beloved wife. Item I give and bequeath unto my three sons above named the increase of Sarah which comes hereafter before the death of their Mother, and after her Death the two old negroes to be divided equally between the said three sons and to them and their heirs forever. Furtherly I appoint that my moveably estate that has not been all ready mentioned in any part above may be sold to pay the remainder of my debts if required. I give and bequeath to my loving wife the remainder and my out debts. I constitute and appoint my loving wife and my Father Richard Parker and my brother Richard Parker Executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereunto I have set my hand and affix my seal this 24th day of August 1755.

William Parker L.S.

Signed sealed in the presents of us.

Anthony Colquitt

Lawrence Smith

Richard Daniel

Anthony Cristian

At a court held in Cumberland County the 22nd day of March 1756. This last will and Testament of William Parker dec'd was proved by Anthony Colquit, Richard Daniel and Lawrence Smith witnesses thereto, and by the court ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Drusilla Parker Executrix and Richard Parker one of the Executors therein named, who made oath according to Law, Certificate was granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof, in due form giving security whereupon thry together with Richard Daniel, Anthony Colquit and Daniel Coleman their Securities, entered into Bond according to Law and Liberty is reserved to the other Executor therein named to join in probate.

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Thompson Swann C.C.C.



WILL OF ELI SMITH  
Currituck County, North Carolina  
Book 1, pgs. 262 & 263

In the name of God Amen the seventh day of July 1792, I Eli Smith of Knotss Island, in the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina, being weak and sick in body but of perfect senses soundness of mind and memory make this my last will and testament in manner and form following Vizt-Imprimis: I lend the use of my plantation whereon I now live to my beloved wife Ann during her widowhood and at marriage or deceased to my son William Smith to him and his heirs lawfully begotten forever.

Item I give to my son William Smith one young mare named Fanny, one cow and calf and five pounds in cash, the cash to be applied to the use of his schooling, also my books to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my beloved wife Ann one cow and calf and one horse named Jack and all of my stock of hogs, if the above gift should not amount to one fourth part of my household furniture my desire is for it to be made up to the amount of one fourth out of said household furniture during her widowhood and after her marriage or death to be equally divided between my two daughters Elisabeth Smith and Mary Smith to them and their heirs forever.

Item, I give to my daughter Mary Smith the remainder of the cash I have at present to her and her heirs forever.

Item all remainder of my estate within doors and without except my cattle I leave to be equally divided between my two daughters Elisabeth Smith and Mary Smith to them and their heirs forever.

Item I leave my stock of cattle to be sold for cash such as is not already not given away and the money to be equally divided between my three children Elisabeth Smith, Mary Smith and William Smith, to them and their heirs forever.

Item I also nominate and appoint my friend John Williams, and wife Ann Smith, executor and executrix to this my last will and testament, in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of July one thousand seven hundred ninety one.

Signed and sealed & acknowledged in presence of

Eli Smith (seal)

Names of witnesses to dim to read.?

Recorded and examined 1st day of Feb. 1792  
Hollo Williams CCC

Submitted by: Mary Smith Chelborg