

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Smelt of the County & Parish of Elizabeth being very sick and weak in body, but of sound and perfect memory, calling to mind the mortality of my Body, knowing that it is appointed by God my Creator for all Men once to die. do make and Ordain this my last Will, and Testament. First & principally I recommend a my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God who gave it. my body I commit to the Earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter mentioned. and as touching such temporal Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon in this World I give & dispose of the same in the manner & form following.

Inprimis. First it is my Will ~~and~~ desire that all my just debts be paid & discharged by my Executor

Item. I give and bequeath the whole of my Estate, and effects to my two Children, viz^t. Elizabeth & Mary to be equally divided between them, and in case that either of them should die before ~~of~~ they arrive to the age of eighteen, or marry, it is my Will and desire that the said Estate then devolve upon the surviving daughter and her Heirs for ever

Item. I do hereby nominate and appoint Mr. George Dooker my Executor of this my last Will & Testament
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Twelfth day of January 1790

Signed sealed, and
Acknowledged in the
Presence of us -
Wm Seymour

his
Joseph Smelt
Mark

Seal

Augustine Morse Junr.

At a Court held for Eliz City County January 22nd 1790 The
Last will and Testament of Joseph Small dec. was produced
in Court and proved by the Oath of Augustine Moore Jun^r
one of the Justices thereof, And ordered to be recorded
and on the motion of George Barker Esq. the Esr. therein
named who on oath according to Law. Certificate is
granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due
form, whereupon he together with Miles Hing Esq.
entered into and acknowledged Bond in the Penalty of
Three hundred Pounds conditioned as the Law
directs

Teste John W. Little

Witness my hand
January 22nd 1790
John W. Little