

In the Name of God amen I William Smith of the County of Essex and Parish of South Parham being in Health but considering the uncertainty of Human Life Do (while in a sound State of mind) Make and ordain this my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills heretofore by me made I do most humbly recommend my Soul to the extensive Mercy of that Eternal Supreme Intelligent Being, who gave it to me, Most earnestly at the same time deprecating His Justice. My Body I desire to be Buried at the Discretion of My Executors to be hereafter Named. I will and positively order that my lawful Debts be paid and then I lend unto my beloved wife Mary Smith the use of my Dwelling House together with the Land upon the Hill as it is now inclosed and all out Houses thereon, to be supported with Timber and wood from the low Land. I likewise desire a part of my Furniture may be allowed her, servants to attend her, and Necessaries of every kind to be furnished her out of my Estate, to be left to the judgment of my Executors, to remain in her Possession During her Widowhood and no longer.

Item It is my will and much my desire that my Estate be kept together as much as possible, and likewise my Children who I expect are to live with my aforesaid Wife Mary Smith and to be jointly supported out of my Estate untill they

possible, and otherwise my children and I agree and is mine with my wife Mary Smith and to be jointly supported out of my Estate untill they shall have received their Legacies hereafter to be given.

Item If my natural son John Smith Young should live untill he arrives to the age of twenty one Years I then give devise and bequeath unto him my said Natural Son John Smith Young the sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds to be paid to him at that Period in Gold or Silver also a negroe Boy called Moses (and the son of Wiley) and my Horse known by the name of Wyatt with my Saddle and Bridle (the Horse &c may be delivered to him at my Death) To him my Natural son John Smith Young and to his Heirs forever

Item I give, devise & bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Adams Smith the full sum of Four hundred Pounds in Gold or Silver to be paid to her when she arrives to Lawfull age or Marries and one negroe Girl named Elizabeth or Betty with her Future Increase, To her my said Daughter Ann Adams Smith and to her Heirs forever

Item I give, devise, and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Smith the full sum of Four hundred Pounds in Gold or Silver to be paid to her when she arrives to Lawfull age or Marries, and one Negroe Girl named Phoebe (the Daughter of Mally) with her future increase To her my said Daughter Elizabeth Smith

to his Heirs forever.

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Item I give devise and bequeath unto my Daughter Alice Smith the full sum of Four hundred Pounds in Gold or Silver to be paid to her when she arrives to Lawfull age or Marries, and one negroe Girl named Charlotte (the Daughter of Mally) With her future Increase to her my said Daughter Alice Smith and to her Heirs for ever.

Item I give, devise, and bequeath unto my sons George Smith and William Smith the remaining or Remainder Part of my Estate consisting of Lands, Houses

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Negroes, Horses Stock of every kind Debts &c with all and every advantage arising herefrom Viz. All Claims, Rights Titles and Prerogatives whatsoever to be Equally divided between them (but they my said sons Francis and William must pay my lawfull Debts, and the Legacies heretofore given in this my Will) To them my said sons Francis Smith and William Smith and each of them, their and each of their Heirs forever.

Item My will is, that if my Executors should find it necessary to sell any Part of my Estate either to pay my Debts, or for the Education and Support of my Children, or for the Legacies heretofore given in this my Will that they my Execut^{rs} may have full Power to sell Lands or negroes as they may judge to be the Interest or Benefit of my Children.

Item I constitute and appoint Hancock Esq. Thomas Belfield, John Belfield and Syner Belfield Esq. Executors, and my beloved Wife Mary Smith Executrix, to this my last Will, and Testament, and do most earnestly Request of them to act as such. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand affixed my seal this 20th Day of June 1783

Signed Sealed Published and
Declared by the Testator as and

Wm. Smith

Declared by the Testator as and
for his last Will and Testament
in the Presence of us -

W^m Smith 

Francis Webb

= A Codicil to the within last Will and Testament made and executed the eight
Day of March 1784.

My beloved Wife Mary Smith being at present with child (provided she brings
forth a Moller Child) I give devise and bequeath to him all that tract or Parcel
of Land which I purchased of William Young Junr. June the first 1779 containing
384 acres more or less to him and his Heirs forever and also an equal Part
of my Personal Estate with my sons Francis Smith and William, he contri-
-buting an equal Part with my said sons Francis and William, towards discharg-
-ing the Debts and Legacies in my Will mentioned. But if it be a Female,
then I give to her the full sum of Four hundred pounds in Gold or Silver,
to be paid when she comes to Lawfull age or marries, and one negroe Girl
with her future Increase, to her my said Daughter and her heirs forever.
Witness my Hand and Seal the Date before mentioned.

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with her future Increase, to her my said Daughter and her heirs forever
Witness my Hand and Seal the Date before mentioned.

Witness
Francis Will

W Smith Seal

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappahanock on the 16th day of
May 1785

This Instrument of writing purporting the last will and Testament of William
Smith deceased was produced in Court by Hancock Lee and John
Belfield two of the Executors therein named who made oath thereto as the

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Now direct and being proved to be hand writing of the said William Smith to the satisfaction of the court by Hancock see the ^{same} is admitted to Record

Test Hancock See Lth
Truly Recorded Test
Hancock See Lth

Parron's Inventors Pursuant to an order of the Worshipful Court of Exchequer May 1784 We the Subscribers being first sworn have appraised & inventoried the Personal Estate of Thomas Parron decd

1 Bed and Furniture	£ 5 -	one Bed and furniture	£ 7.0 -	£ 12. - - -
4 Sugs 8/6 - 6 Chairs 13/-	1 Chest 8/-			1.9.6
2 Stools of Chamber pott 3/6 - 4 plates 1/-	4 plates 5/-			18.6
3 plates 4/6 - 2 Dishes 8/-	2 basons 8/-	1 Cup 4/-		1.1.6
6 bottles 2/-	2 pair money scales 5/-	2 Cases of Shop 2/-		9. -
1 pewter panger 1/3 - 1 brush of shaver 1/-				2.3
a parcel of waring clothes £ 3.14.6	a parcel Books 5/6			4. -
1 Bell of Iron Spindle 1/-	1 Jug 2/-	3 Greeting hoes 8/-		9.4