

December Court 1773

Edw Smith
Will

In the name of God Amen I Edward Smith of Stafford County Virginia being sick and weak but of perfect sense and Memory, thanks be to God for it, and calling to mind, that it is appointed once for all men to die, therefore recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian and decent like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named.

Item my Will and desire is after my decease, that all my Estate, both real and personal, be sold at publick Auction and the Money arising from effect sale, to be equally divided Among all my Children that shall be then living, only my just debts to be paid out of that to them and their Heirs for ever.

Item I give my Tract of land on Coleman Creek to my son Isaac Smith, to him and his Heirs for ever, and if he die without Heir, then my desire is, that he said Land be sold and the Money to be divided among my Children then living, only I desire that my Wife Rebecca Smith may have the use of he said Land and plantation for one year then he said Land to be Rented, Whilist my said son Isaac, shall Come to the age of twenty one years, that is the quitrents to be paid out of the rent, after that is paid, the surplus to be equally divided among my Children then living, Lastly I appoint my son Reuben Smith and my Friend John Sink Esq^r of this my last Will and testament As Witnesses my hand this thirtieth day of September 1773

Witness present

Edward Smith

Jonathan Gibson

Mary ^{Wife} Gibson

Benedictus Coleman

At a Court held for Stafford County the 16th of December 1773.

This last Will and Testament of Edward Smith deceased was presented in Court by John Sink one of the Executors therein named and the same being proved by the oaths of the several Witnesses thereto was ordered to be recorded. And on the Motion of the said John Sink who made Oath according to Law Certificate was granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security whereupon he with Robert Shummon and Benedictus Coleman his Associates entered into and acknowledged bond with Condition according to Law. And Equity is required the other Executors to join probat

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Thos P. Harrington Clk