

We the appraisors in obedience to an order of Isle of Wight Court have appraised the Estate
of Britain Edwards deceased.

Joseph Moody

Matthew Turner

Benwell Harris

At a Court held for Isle of Wight County the 3^d day of September 1799. The above Appraise-
ment was returned into Court by the Auditors and ordered to be Recorded.

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Thos. Smith

In the Name of God Amen, I Thomas Smith of the County of Isle of Wight
and State of Virginia being sick and weak of body but of perfect sense and memory constituted
and ordain this writing to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following -
I do hereby give and bequeath unto my four Daughters Elizabeth, Johna, Sarah, Mary
all my land and ... the ... of the ... that now ...
my ... and the ... the ... to the ...
... the ... the ... the ...

do hereby give (a free paper) now line then up the road by his plantation till it comes to
the main road leading from the by pass stile & up through the globe land; from thence down
the said road to my line dividing said lands from the globe land thence down the said line to the
Town of Smithfield including all my dotts and vacant lands in & round the said Town of
Smithfield to be equally divided between them (having regard to value & Situation) to them
& their heirs forever. — I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Smith during her natural life
the use of my manor plantation whereon I now live, likewise my plantation over the road
where Edward Burt my over sea son now lives, except that part called Millers plantation which
is divided from said plantation by a running stream, to Timothy Syness upper quarter
Land up my line that divide my land from the said Syness to the road leading from the
by pass stile, through the globe land, thence along the road to the land before given to my
five Daughters. — I give and bequeath unto my Son Arthur Smith the remainder part of
my lands including the plantation formerly called R. Hartsons whereon Joseph Parbrick late-
ly lived & also the plantation called Millers to him and his heirs forever. — It is my Will &
desire the above plantations may be rented out annually & the money arising therefrom to be
applied to the purpose of educating my said Son Arthur, & it also my Will, that no part of the
said plantations be landed, two running, except where the land is otherwise by bounding. —

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said plantation be tended, two running, except when the land is consumed by burning.

Further it is my Will that in case the yearly rents of the above said land should not be sufficient to educate & support my said son, Arthur, that then I empower my executor hereafter named to sell my lands ^{that} lies over the road (leading from the Byrns Mills through the Gblelands) Joining said Gble lands, Robert Lyness to Richard Casper land &c & the said road for the support & education of my said son, Arthur, as it is my desire he shall study the art of Surgery & physic. & Further more I request of my execs. hereafter named to give him a Smaller ing of the French language When he has obtained a sufficiency of the Latin language

& the above Idea of the French it is my desire he may bound to some able scholar & physician to be instructed in a Degree in his art, & to continue in his apprenticeship at least two years. I give and bequeath unto my four Daughters Namely Sarah, Jenny, Fanny & Lillias

Smith each Negro Girl each such as they may make choice of, from my Negro Girl Tony down to the smallest. (except the little girl called Lillie who waits on their Mother.

It is my Will & desire that all my Just Doble should be paid by the sales of part of Stock & part of my Negroes. It is much of my Household furniture & plantation utensils as can best be said - (provided my wife survives without said furniture) I give unto my Loving wife Eliza both death & during natural life one Negro Woman called Lillie one Negro Girl called little Lillie. I also give unto her one of her own Negroes & one of her own Cattle also of her own

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said Glebe Lands, & about Lyness to Richard Casey's Land &c. & the said road for the support
Education of my said Son, Arthur, as it is my desire he shall study the art of Surgery &
Physic — & If wither more I request of my Executors hereafter named to give him a Smaller
ing of the French Language When he has obtained a Sufficiency of the Latin Language
to the above Intent of the Trust, it is my desire he may bound to some able skilful Physi-
cian to be instructed in a Degree in his art, & to continue in his apprenticeship at least two
years. I give and bequeath unto my four Daughters Namely Sarah, Henry, Francis & Lillias
Smith one Negro Girl each, such as they may make choice of, from my Negro Girls I have
down to the smallest. I except the Little Girl called Maria who was with me at the time of my death.

down to the smallest. (except the little job called herein who write within all other
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It is my Will & desire that all my said debts should be paid by the sales of part of Stock &

[illegible]

to maintain, sell as many of my Negroes as will discharge the said Debt. —

All the remainder part of my said Negroes not hereafter disposed of I leave to be equally divided between my wife Elizabeth Smith and my five Children, to wit; Elizabeth Johnson, Sarah, Jane, Fanny & Arthur Smith to them & their heirs forever. — In case any of my said Daughters should on any yet it is my Will that they may have their proportion of my Estate, (not heretofore given away) for other wise choose to live with their mother and reside elsewhere) that they may have the privilege of drawing their certain proportion. —

It is my Will, I do empower the Guardian of my son Arthur that in case the rents of the lands which I have given to my son Arthur of the said land which I have directed should not be sufficient to educate & carry him through his studies & profession that they

sell any one or more of his Negroes that shall fall to his share. — for the above purpose. —

It is my Will & desire, that at the death of my wife Elizabeth Smith, the land which I have given to her during her life may return to my said son Arthur Smith to him & his heirs forever.

Lastly I nominate & appoint my loving wife Elizabeth Smith and my son in Law Maj. James Johnston, my whole & sole Exors. of this my last Will & Testament & of all other

Wills by me heretofore made, & it is my Will & desire that my said Exors. & Executor may not be compelled to give security for their said Executorship, as I conceive my Estate to be full

not be competent in person for me to do as witness concerning my business as far as
sufficient to discharge all my just debts. In evidence whereof I have sign my
name & affix my seal this 17th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and ninety nine.

Signed & sealed

In presence of

James Young

James Dick

Edward Burt

Thomas Smith Seal

intertised in several
places before signed

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At a court held for Isle of Wight County the 1st day of September 1799
This will was presented by in court by James Johnston one of the Executors therein named who
made oath that he was residing to have and the same being proved by James Young and
Dick and Edward Burt the witnesses thereto & ordered to be Recorded. And on the
Motion of the said Executor who gave bond according in the penalty of thirty three
and 2/3 dollars with the condition as the law directs, but for as granted him for
his own good that thereof... And liberty given the other Executors
named to qualify... Thank you.

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