

in the name of God amen the twentieth day of
November in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven
hundred and seventy eight I Newton Smith of Mecklenburg
County being weak in body but of perfect memory of mind
have to God for it, therefore calling to mind the mortality
of man and that it is once appointed for all men to die
do make and ordain this my last will and testament
that I do hereby principally I command my executors
of just that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in
a Christian manner at the discretion of my executors
hoping at the resurrection to be received into the hands
of Christ my saviour and touching my worldly estate
as it pleased God to bless me with I dispose of in the
following manner and form. I leave I leave to my loving wife
then residing named Simon Isaac Olden during her
natural life and at her decease to return to my daughter
Mary the younger but who shall choose out of my stock
of seven one half and several as also I leave to all my stock
of cattle to give and whosoever there can be money sufficient
to pay out of my estate to pay all my just debts. I leave
I give to my daughter Elizabeth one fourth part of my

I give to my daughter Elizabeth one feather bed & furniture
also one negro woman & her increase and one
negro lad & oh and one negro girl named Ann. I then
give to my son Obadiah one feather bed and furniture also
three negro men namely Sam, Sam & Sam and going home
and with the sum of one hundred pounds I purchase for
my son Sam and after my debts are paid I do
give that then my money sufficient is sent out of my
estate to what my son Obadiah tell he shall use at the
age of twenty one year also when he should come to twenty
one years of age I do desire that there be raised fifty pounds
for him out of my estate I declare when my executor
shall get a right to a tract of land I purchased of John
Leyburn that it should at three years credit and the money
coming from the sale to be applied towards defraying the
expense of my son Obadiah schooling. I then I give to my
daughter Mary one feather bed and furniture also three
negro men Sam, Sam & Sam and Ann and all their increase
only Ann which I give to my daughter Elizabeth herself
one of the negroes should not be more than between twenty and

and my execution after my decease namely Amy which I have given
to my daughter Nancy and George which the said Nancy has
in her possession then George to go to Nancy in stead of Amy
concerning myself having a right to a tract of land in Halifax
County on Union creek now in possession of Hester and Martha
Roberts if there should be a right obtained in my favour I
desire that it may be sold and the money divided between
my two daughters Elizabeth and Nancy. I do desire that my
executors should sell unto a part of my house and the other
bank proper and my other part of household furniture that
I have given away I lend to my loving wife untill all my
children comes of age then to be divided amongst them as
I do appoint Samuel Hopkins William Smith John P. Smith
Elizabeth my wife Isabella Smith Executors of this my
will and testament revoking all former wills by me made or
written my hand and seal and declared to be my last will
and testament.

signed sealed in
presence of

Samuel M. M. M.

August 18th

Testee Smith

signed and sealed in
presence of

Peartree Smith

James William,
Hugh & the
Richard Jefferson

All a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 17th day of July 1782
There well appeared by the oath of Hugh & the Richard Jefferson
Jefferson William the wife and ordered to be recorded and
the intention of James Jefferson first one of the executors
named who made in the presence and together with
Richard Jefferson and Drury Somers the two executors
who each acknowledged their bond in the presence of twenty
thousand pounds conditioned as the said indenture
was granted him for obtaining a probate thereof, as also
given liberty being reserved for the other executors there
named to come in the probate when they shall think
fit.

Teste

Mecklenburg County, Virginia July 17th 1782
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John Brown (Clerk)