

Have written at my hand and affixed my seal this
September 1781
Signed sealed published and Declared
to be my last Will & Testament in presence of

John Parkey
Arthur Mosley
Robert Williamson
Elijah Clay

William Christwood
mark

At a Court continued and held for Powhatan County at Court
today the 17 day of August 1781 This last Will and Testament
of William Christwood dec^d was presented in Court by
the Oaths Arthur Mosley & Elijah Clay two of the Jurors
to, and was by the Court ordered to be Recorded. And with
of Edward Watkins Jun^r one of the Esquiers therein named
made oath and entered into Bond with Goodrich Crump
Security in penalty of five hundred pounds according to Law
Probate thereof is granted him in due form of Law, leaving
the other Executors to come in and Qualify when they shall
propose

Teste *Arthur Mosley*

In the name of god amen I Magdalene Smith of Powhatan County
being sick & weak but of sound disposing sense & memory do make
and declare this my last Will & Testament in Manner and
form following. Viz^t

I give & bequeath the negro James Smith the whole of my lot
the plantation whereon I live also one half of my crop
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on the plantation left me by my late husband on Chastain
Branch, to him and his heirs for ever.

It is my desire that the other half my crop on the plantation
above mentioned after all my debts are paid and set
legally divided between my three sons John Gurrant
Peter Gurrant & Daniel Gurrant, to them & their heirs forever.
I give & bequeath to my three Daughters, Magdalen Moody, Judith
Smith & Martha Fiddell all my wearing apparel, to be equally
divided between them; To them and their heirs for ever.

I also give and bequeath to my son James Smith & Rebecca his
wife a Cupboard, with every thing else that I am possessed of
that I have not already given away to them and their heirs
for ever. I also give to my three sons above mentioned the

Plot & Daniel, I shut each to them and their heirs forever.
I give and bequeath to my grand Daughter Elizabeth Gurrant my
Chair & Trundle to her and her heirs for ever.

and lastly I do appoint my son James Smith Executor of this my
last will & Testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this fifteenth day of May One Thousand seven hundred
and eighty seven.

Signed & Acknowledged in presence of
William Adams

William Bondurant

Allen Howard
mark

At a Court held for Powhatan County at Scotland on the
16 day of August 1787. This last Will and Testament of
James Smith dec^d was presented in Court and proved by the Oath
of William Adams & Allen Howard, two of the Witnesses thereto
and was by the Court Ordered to be recorded. And on the motion
of James Smith the Executor named who made oath that

also give and bequeath to my son James Smith a Ring & a
my Cupboard, with every thing else that I have, except
that I have not already given away to him and his wife
for ever. I also give to my three sons above mentioned, viz
Alfred & Daniel, I give each, to them and their heirs
I give and bequeath to my grand Daughter Elizabeth
her Trade to her and her heirs for ever.
and lastly, I do appoint my son James Smith Executor of this my
last Will & Testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
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James Smith the Executor thereon named who made oath and
entered into bond with John L. Woodson his security in sum of
Twenty pounds according to Law Probate thereof is granted
them in due form of Law.

Teste