

produced in Court and proved according to Law by the oaths of David Sloan, Benjamin Deyard, and Henry St. Chapman, subscribing witnesses, thereto, and is ordered to be recorded

Teste

J. Johnston

John Smith.

I John Smith of Roanoke County and state of Va. being in a low state of health but sound in mind and understanding, do make and constitute this my last will and testament; Item: it is my will that my property shall be kept together for five years, except the perishable part, such as stock farming utensils, crop household furniture &c. my negroes may be hired out for that term except that portion otherwise disposed of in this my will, but if my executor after settling my estate shall deem it ~~necessary~~ he may make the disposition of my estate as hereafter directed in this my will; Item: I give to Elizabeth Riffed one thousand dollars a portion of which must be paid enough for her support previous to settlement of my estate and the balance when the estate is settled I also give her one negro girl named Saranell, who is to be put in her possession as soon as arrangements can be made after my decease; Item: I give all my land except forty acres of the upper end to my two sons, Washing and John to be equally divided leaving my friend James Goodwin as trustee; for my son Washington to take care of all the property herein left for the benefit of my son Washington and his family; Item: I leave forty for the benefit of my son Washington and family; Item: I give Elford Stance and Charles to my son John; I ~~leave~~ leave Bob for the benefit of my daughter Polly Humphree, and children my son John to act as trustee and take care of all that shall be left to her in this my will; Item: I give to my daughter Milly Gordon's children one seventh part of all that portion not otherwise disposed of in this my will; Item: I give to my daughter Sarah Riddle Red and her equal portion not otherwise disposed of in this my will; Item: I give to my daughter Nancy Thompson Phillips Rhoda and her son Dick and her share of other property not herein named; Item: I give to my son Absoloms children forty acres of land off of the upper end of my land and joining the land on which my son wife America Smith now lives the line to run North and South together with equal portions that is not herein disposed of; Item: I give to my grand daughter Nancy Mc Gargo two hundred dollars to be paid to her by my executor when my estate shall be settled and she shall be of lawful age or married, and that shall be her share, my son John I leave as trustee for my daughter Milly's children, after my estate is settled it is my will that all the effects not otherwise disposed of shall be equally divided between all

the heirs except my grand daughter whose share is named, or is also my will that my Executors, shall hold enough in their hands for the support and comfort of the two old negroes and see that they do not suffer for the necessities of life wish for them to stay in the place; I do nominate and appoint my son John Smith, to be my Executor of this my last will and testament, also Robert Lewis senr. I publish and declare this and none other to be my last will and testament, as witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal, the sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four

Teste
Samuel Phillips senr.
Benj. Faris.
Robert Lewis senr.

At Roanoke December Court 1854, This last will and testament of John Smith decd. was produced in Court and proved according to Law by the oaths of Samuel Phillips senr. Benjamin Faris, and Robert Lewis jr. and admitted to record
A Copy from the Record of Court
Teste J. Johnston

Sarah Burnett.

In the name of God Amen: I Sarah Burnett of the County of Roanoke and state of Virginia, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows: To wit: 1st I desire after my death that my body be decently buried, and the expenses attendant, as well as all my just debts, be paid out of my estate; 2nd I give to my brother Absalom Smith all my flock of sheep, which may belong to me at my death; 3rd I give to my grand son Byrd Allen Robertson two hundred dollars (\$200); 4th I give to Sarah Burnett Robertson, daughter of my grand son Byrd Allen Robertson twenty five dollars (\$25); 5th I give to Mr. America Smith, my niece, and who is also the daughter of my brother Absalom Smith twenty five dollars (\$25); 6th I give to Martha Smith, my niece, and who is also the daughter of my brother Absalom Smith twenty five dollars (\$25); 7th I give to Mrs. Martha Smith, my sister in Law, and who is also the wife of Absalom Smith twenty five dollars (\$25); 8th I give to Mrs. Sarah Reynolds my niece, and who is also the daughter of my brother Absalom Smith twenty five dollars (\$25); 9th I give to Mrs. Sarah Russell, my niece, and who is also the daughter of my brother John Smith twenty five dollars (\$25); 10th I give to Mrs. Mary Humphree, my niece, and who is also the daughter of my brother John Smith, twenty five dollars (\$25); 11th I give to Mrs. Sarah Booring my niece and who is, also the daughter of my