

In the Name of God Amen. The first day of January One Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty I John Smith of the County of Southampton being sick and Weak in Body but of Sound Mind & Sound Memory, do make for a and this my last Will & Testament in Manner and Form following Viz

Item I Give to my Wife Martha Smith the Use of my three Negroes hereafter named Viz Ben, Dick, Sam, Maud, Rob, Nick, Annia, Kate, Charles, Joe, Harry; Until the said Negro arrive to the Age of Thirty one, at which time my Will is that all young & adult Negroes should be set free Respectively at the End of thirty One Year of Age.

Item I Give the Use of my Negro Woman Mally to my Wife Martha Smith Until the first Day of January One Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty four, at which time my Will is that the said Negro Woman Mally should be set free.

Item I Give the Use of my Negro Young Dick to my Wife Martha Smith Until the first Day of January One Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty Seven, at the Expiration of which time my Will is that the said Dick should be free.

Item I Give to my Wife Martha Smith The Land & Plantation whereon I now live with all the Appurtenances Therunto belonging Likewise a Tract of Land I Bought of Benjamin Kottman and to her & her heirs forever, I likewise Give to my Wife Martha Smith all the Proceeds of my Estate be it of what Nature or kind soever to her & her heirs forever. I hereby constitute & appoint my Wife Martha Smith & Joshua Bailey my Whole & Sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament: Revoking and making void all former Wills heretofore by me made, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal the Day and year first above Written.

John Smith

now is the Negro Woman Polly, should be set free.

Item, I give the care of my Negro Young Dick to my Wife Martha Smith until the first Day of January One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Seven, at the Expiration of which time my Will & desire is that the said Dick should be free.

I have given to my Wife Martha Smith The Land & plantation whereon I now live with all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging Likewise a Tract of Land I Bought of Benjamin Holliman to her for her life forever. I have also given to my Wife Martha Smith all the Proceeds of my Estate be it of what Nature or kind soever to her for her life forever. I have constituted & appointed my Wife Martha Smith & Joshua Bailey my Whole & Sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament. Revoking and making void all former Wills heretofore by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal the Day and year first above Written.

Signed sealed published & delivered to be the last Will & Testament of the above named John Smith in the presence of

Benj Bailey
Micajah Holliman

John Smith Seal
At a Court held for the County of Southampton
the 11th day of May 1779 This Will was presented in Court by Martha Smith & J. The Executors thereof then named & proved by the Oaths of Benj Bailey Micajah Holliman the Witnesses thereto & ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of the said Executors who made a solemn Oath according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate under Great Seal of Great Britain whereupon &c

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1776 The Estate of John Smith deceased &c
John William Turner his Adm

By the Sale of the Estate

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