

Samuel Smeads Will.

In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Smead of Anson County in the Province of North Carolina being of good Health of Body & of sound & perfect mind & Memory Thanks be to almighty God for the same But calling to mind the Mortality of the body and that it is appointed for all men once to Die I do Make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following first & Principally I recommend my soul to God my Maker Blessing His most Gracious acceptance of it in & Through the Prevailing merits & Intercessions of Jesus Christ my Most Compassionate saviour & Redeemer & my Body to be Decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned & as for such worldly Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I Give & Dispose of the same in manner & Form following.

Impreme I will that my debts & funeral charges be first paid.

Item I Give to my Loving Son Israel Smead the Land & Plantation whereon he lives to be a strait line from Thos. Normans Land just to take the Plantation & to my spring branch to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give to my Loving Son David Smead one hundred Acres of Land joining Francis Clarks land to be laid off with a parallel line from Thos. Normans line to my plantation to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give to my Loving Son Phillip Burford Smead one Hundred Acres of Land joining my son Israel & My Son Davids land to him & his heirs forever.

Item I Give to my Loving Son William Smead the land & plantation I live on from Israell David & Philips Smeads land to be a strait line from John Coales Land to Francis Clarks Land to take all the plantation & Improvement that Daniel Burford made to him & his heirs forever.

Item I Give to my Loving Son Daniel Smead the Remainder of the Tract of Land I live on joining John Coales John Smeads & my fathers & Francis Clarks land also my land at Kewarry joining Thomas Cresps Land to him & his heirs forever.

Item I Give to my Loving Daughter Ann Crossland one shilling Sterling to her & her heirs forever. Item I Give to my three Daughters Caty Patty & Betty Smead five hundred acres of Land on Capifars branch Including the Place called Colemanes pasture to be Equally Divided Among them at the discretion of my Executors to them & their heirs forever. I leave my land on Markes Creek whereon John Lee lives to be sold to help to pay my Debts. I lend to my beloved wife Temperance Smead all the rest of my Estate real & personal whenever it can be found during her life & at her death I give it to my three Daughters Caty Patty & Betty Smead & My Grand Daughter Temperance Crossland to be Equally Divided among them to them & their heirs forever. And I do constitute my Son Daniel Smead & my friend James Cotton Executors of this my Last Will & Testament. I Renounce all other wills by me made & acknowledged this to be my Last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 14 Day of March 1775 Samuel Smead Seal

Signed in the presence of
Charles Mellock Treast
Nicholas ^{his} Green
Dempsey ^{mark} Grant