

The Last Will and Testament of Jacob W. Leonard, this 19th day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand, eight hundred & twenty-five. I, Jacob W. Leonard, being sound in mind & memory, but aware of the shortness of life, do hereby constitute this my last Will - revoking all others - Item, the first, I commit my soul to the keeping of God who gave it me, & my body to be decently buried with the Honors of War. Item, 2nd, I will all my legal debts to be paid, to which end I wish my Executor & Executrix to sell without delay any part of my Real Estate they may think most advisable for the interest of my beloved wife & children, collect without loss of time the debts due me, and place all of my male force immediately from the day of my death under the charge of some active man to raise funds to meet installments at Bank & other demands. Item 3rd - After my debts are paid I bequeath to my very affectionate wife all of my estate, both real & personal for and during her natural life, unless she marries, in which case the whole of my Estate with the cures or issue, to be equally divided between her and my children by her. Item 4th, It is my wish & will that my son John W. Leonard be allowed in addition to his proportion of my property a sufficient sum annually from the profits of my estate as well give him three year education at some University of learning of good stand my wife which it is my wish & will that Dr. James F. McRae or some Physician of eminence would receive him as a pupil in the study of Physic. Item 5th - It is my will that my other children receive from my estate a liberal education and should they unfortunately be deprived of their mother before they arrive at ripe years, it is my wish that my affectionate sister R. A. Sullivan, or Anne Sophie Leonard take charge of my beloved daughter Margaret F. Leonard and my affectionate nephew John Leonard or Paul Thomas King charge of my dear boy Thomas King Leonard & so hereby constitute my very dear & much loved brother Thomas Leonard my friend John C. Baker, my nephew Jacob Leonard my Executor and my wife Margaret A. Leonard my Executrix. Witness my hand & hereby remove from my estate the following: J. W. Leonard (Seal) Articles, land: my dwelling place, fished fields & dirt, my gun house & bank lot, Deer Creek & Old Moore.

Removewick County Court, } The due execution of the aforesaid Will
January Term, 1825 - } was proved by the oath of Lewis Hall one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto & made to be correct. Recorded Book B. 10

Nathanial Patton, Clerk

Recorded & approved to on 21st of Oct. Annually, Spring Session 1825.
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State of North Carolina I, Benjamin Smith, of Otton, in the County of Brunswick, do make & ordain this my last will & testament, being of sound mind, memory and understanding in human kind. I resign my soul in to the hands of Almighty God, humbly trusting in the merits & atonement of Jesus Christ my Saviour for pardon & forgiveness of my sins and transgressions, and as to my body should I die in North Carolina, I request it to be deposited near the remains of my excellent & dear wife. I desire that a handsome tomb equal to that over her mother's remains to be erected with a suitable inscription written A. Moore or J. G. Swift who is to have the ordering of the tomb to contain beloved memory - If I should die in So. Carolina, to be deposited in the family vault of St. Philip's Church near the remains of my deceased parents & much loved brothers & sisters. Secondly, I wish and desire that all my just debts be fully paid & satisfied, fully & regardless of any statute of limitation. I give, devise & bequeath to my friend Miss Mary Rowan a sum that with to what is due to her as my wife's will shall double the amount, & also part of my home (and lot No. 28 in Smithville during her life) any to begin on my death, so as to include all the houses on the South Eastern part of the lot, the remainder part of the lot to Laura during her life & if she has children to dispose of to any child or children of hers, but in case she dies without issue, then to Lucetta and her heirs. I give, devise and bequeath to my friend Rebecca Thorn (formerly Leonard) a sum that will double my wife's legacy to her.

I request and desire that my servants Betty, Mordecai, Laura, Lucetta, Sam & John may be manumitted and set free, but more especially Laura, for her affectionate & unbounded attention and services to my Dear Wife, particularly in her last illness which attracted the notice & applause of all who saw & praised them, as a token of my approbation, she being inform, I give, devise & bequeath to her the part of the lot No. 28 in Smithville before mentioned, or at her option the choice one of my lots in Wilmington & there on a suitable lot and work house, if she prefer the lot in Wilmington, & one hundred dollars per year for life. Desiring a house 16 ft. long by 12 ft. thick, Lucetta for the special reason set forth in my will and my dear wife's will. Fourthly, Sam, in remembrance of his father's faithful & meritorious services, to be put to a trade till he arrives of age. To my nephew Thomas Robert, Son of my brother Roger Smith void by his death, my plate, after Miss Rowan takes out as follows - To her is also to have her furniture as follows - All the real, residue and remainder of my estate both real & personal I give, devise & bequeath to my daughter Mary and her heirs forever of which estate the sum of my wife's