

No. 227 State of North Carolina, Brunswick County,  
In the Name of God, Amen! I, Amos B. Smith, being  
of sound mind, but in low health do make & ordain this  
my last Will & Testament, viz: - I will that my chil-  
dren, including my grandson, James Baker Smith, being  
in number, shall equally divide my property of every kind  
kind, except that the part falling to my daughters is left in  
special trust to Richard Langdon for their use & is not to  
be subject to or liable for the debts of their husbands or in  
their power to sell or exchange. I will that a bed & furniture  
be given to my grandson James Baker Smith as a part of his  
proportion, all of which I wish to be placed in the hands  
of Isaac B. Smith, his uncle, in trust for him. I appoint Eliza  
Dawn S. B. Everett & Richard Langdon my executors to this  
last will & testament hereby revoking all others. In testimony where-  
of I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this eighteenth day  
September, A.D., 1842.

Amos Smith *(seal)*

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of John Wescott, & John L. Mosecot  
State of North Carolina, { Court of P. & L. Sess. } The due execution of  
Brunswick County, { June Term, 1842. } this will was proven  
open court, by the oath of J. L. Mosecot one of the subscribing witnesses  
ordered to be recorded.

James Langdon, Clerk.

Recorded agreeably to Act of Genl. Assembly, Spec. Session, 1908.

ratified Feb 1 1908. copies from Old Record, Book B.C. p. 59. —

In the name of God, Amen! I, Amalya Bryan, of North Carolina  
Brunswick County, being of sound mind & memory, do this 15 day  
of February, A.D. 1839, make this my last will & testament, as follows:  
I give & bequeath all my estate, real & personal, of every description  
to my beloved wife Oberiah W. Bryan, to be at her full discretion  
provided she shall do justice to my two little children at her  
disposal or marriage. And I do appoint her the said Oberiah W. Bryan sole  
executrix to this my will. In testimony, I have hereunto set my hand &  
Seal. David J. Taylor, Amos B. Taylor —

A. Bryan *(seal)*

State of North Carolina { Court of P. & L. S. } The due execution  
Brunswick County, { March Term, 1842. } of this will was proven  
in open court by the oath of David J. Taylor one of the sub-  
scribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

James Langdon, Clerk

Recorded agreeably to Act of Genl. Assembly, Spec. Session, 1908.

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No. 207

I, Jonathan Rothwell, of the County of Brunswick & State  
of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but con-  
sidering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, so make &  
declare this my last will & testament, in manner & form fol-  
lowing, that is to say, First, that my Executor hereinafter  
named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to  
the wishes of my relatives & friends & pay all funeral expenses  
together with my just debts however & to whomsoever owing  
out of the money that may first come into his hands as  
a part or parcel of my estate. Item 2d. I give & bequeath to  
my wife Mary Rothwell the following property, namely, Elyz.  
John and Sabry his wife, & Sally: at the death of my wife  
Sally to become the property of Morgan C. Turrentine &  
my daughter Lydia, his wife. John & Sabry to remain on the  
plantation in the care of M. C. Turrentine. — I also bequeath  
to my wife Sally my boy Ned to serve her during her life  
& at her death to become the property of my son A. B. Rothwell  
I also will her a life estate in the dwelling where she now  
resides, and that part of the plantation that I leave to Morgan C. Turrentine. — I bequeath to Morgan C. Turrentine my  
son-in-law, and my daughter Lydia, his wife the following  
property — namely, Fanny and her children, John, William  
Capp, Amos, Lucy, Louisa and Ellen, I also leave them Eli a  
man about twenty four years old. I leave to my son A. B.  
Rothwell, Robert, Elyz, Richard, Isabell and Ned. Ned to remain  
on the plantation for the use of my wife Mary until her death.  
I will to my son Jonathan B. Rothwell, Oleggy, Jenny, John, Ann  
Celia, Maria and Betsy — Betsy to remain with her mother for  
the use of my wife, Mary, until her death. I also give them one  
bed, bedding and pillow. I will to my grandson Sam'l. King  
one bed, bedding & pillow. I will John Marshall & my  
granddaughter Sarah Jane Marshall the following negroes  
Hility & her children, Betsy & Bill. Should Sarah Jane Mar-  
shall die, leaving no children, the above named property to  
be returned & equally divided among my children. I further  
give to my wife Mary Rothwell during her life of negro man  
named Nat and at her death to go to M. C. Turrentine wife  
Lydia, I also give my son-in-law, M. C. Turrentine my  
daughter Lydia his wife, the lower part of my plantation  
lying on the West side of the Cape Fear River in Brunswick  
County, N. C., known by the name of "Woodford". It  
will be run from the river on the bridge road near a  
big spruce tree down from the landing with the  
bridge over to the land end fence, then down said fence

to the causeway or road leading to the river, then west said road out to the foot of the hill, then a direct line to the middle of my lane at end where it intersects the public road so as to include the out shed house, there with said road to Hall's line above the Cooper slope. I will to my son Jonathan H. Rothwell all the upper part or balance of my plantation not yet before disposed of including all the land lying over or back of the main road - the plantation not to be divided until the Fall of Eighteen hundred forty five I give & bequeath unto my son in law Duncan Haring & his wife two negro women Betsy & Sabry & all their increase I further will to my wife Mary Rothwell during her life, then & at her death to M. C. Turrentine & wife the following property, four head of horses, two vit., the carriage horses three & smalls, two yoke of oxen, two ox carts, six cows & calves & all the furniture in house not yet before bequeathed. I further will to my wife Mary Rothwell during her life, my Mill & the eight acre tract of land on which it stands, and at her death to my son J. H. Rothwell. I further will to Evy Rothwell during his lifetime a negro boy named Davy, but if he disdains my children, then the said boy to return to my other children I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend David Below my lawful Executor to all intents & purposes to carry this my last will & testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same, and every part and every clause thereof, revoking & declaring utterly void all other wills & testaments by me yet before made. In witness whereof I the said Jonathan Rothwell do hereunto set my hand & seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, A. D. 1846.

Jonathan Rothwell

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Jonathan Rothwell to be his last will & testament in presence of us who at his request, in his presence & in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto. Joseph Green has interlined "John & Sabry to remain on the plantation" David Taylor has written in the margin of the document "John & Sabry to remain on the plantation" was interlined before it was signed.

State of North Carolina, County of C. S. B. (The designation of Brunswick County.) June 1<sup>st</sup> 1847, this witness from open court by the brother of David Taylor & Joseph Green the subscribers hereinabove to be acknowledged. David Taylor & Joseph Green Recorded agreeably to Act of Court, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1908. Certified February first 1908 - & copied from old Record Book 12 Vol. p. 221, L. C. R.

State of North Carolina  
Brunswick County

No. 171

I, Catherine Ann Maxwell, of the said County of Brunswick being of sound & disposing mind & memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my last Will & Testament, that is to say, after all my just debts are paid, the residue of my Estate of all kinds, real, personal & mixed where ever the same may be, I give, devise & bequeath to my beloved husband Robert Maxwell - for & during the term of his natural life, and after his death I give & devise the said estate to Robert George S. Montgomery, to him, his heirs, executors and administrators, subject to the charge, however, upon the sum of the sum of five hundred Dollars to be paid to Alice N. Smith by the said Robert George S. Montgomery, when the said Alice shall attain the age of twenty one years, or marries - and this sum of five hundred Dollars is made a special and specific charge upon the estate hereby given to the said Robert George S. Montgomery. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint the said Robert George S. Montgomery, Executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, anno Domini, 1884.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by J. C. A. Maxwell and his wife Catherine Ann Maxwell, as and for her last will & testament in the presence of us, who at her request, and in her presence, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. J. D. Butler & Mrs. J. Butler.

State of North Carolina — County of Brunswick —  
A paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Catherine Ann Maxwell, late of the County of Brunswick, deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court by Robert George S. Montgomery, the Executor thereon named and the due execution thereof by the said Catherine Ann Maxwell is proved by the oath & examination of J. D. Butler & Mrs. J. Butler the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing & every part thereof is the last will & testament of the said Catherine Ann Maxwell and the same is ordered to be recorded & fees stamp on said Robert George S. Montgomery, Executor of said will, paid as and by taking the same regularly law, the 29<sup>th</sup> March 1884.

J. C. D. Butler - Left  
Received agreement to be of date of June 1884. Special Session 1888  
Baptized Sabry 11/1902 - copies have been made & are being  
kept.