

In the name of God amen I John Smith of the
 County of Chatham in the State of North Carolina. Being
 Smith, being in health and of perfect mind and memory
 thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body
 and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do
 make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that
 is to say. Principally and first of all I give and recommend
 my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and
 my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent
 Christian burial. And as touching such worldly estate
 wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this
 life, I give, devise, dispose of the same in the following
 manner and form. First I give I bequeath unto my
 beloved Wife Margaret, one Horse Creature Two Cows,
 her choice of my Stock, both Hens & Cows, two Hens,
 Furniture, six feather pillows, six Spears, Two Dishes, Two
 Basins, one Table, Two Chairs, one Chair, three Nails
 & three Forks, one Saddle, one Bridle, one Pot & Dutch
 Oven, one Coffee Mill, one Coffee Pot & two Stoves
 also she my beloved Wife to have full possession of my
 plantation and Land including the House & buildings on
 said premises, the Store including during her life time.
 2^d And unto my daughter Elizabeth I give I bequeath
 fifty Dollars First and foremost to be paid out of
 my estate to her & her heirs, and afterwards to have an

247 equal part with the rest of my Hirs, all the remainder
of movable property, not Willa to be sold at public sale
and the money to be equally divided among all my Children
except my son Adam, whom I have given him one Hirs-
and a Twenty Dollars in Cash that be his part and no more
but I Will that his two youngest sons viz Paul and Thomas
sons of the afore said Adam, have an equal part with all the
rest of my Hirs viz. The two, one after the come of age
and to the age of Twenty one years that be do remember
the money they have already received of me to be included
in their part. I Will that my son Jacob Smith have my
Land and premises where I now live after my, and
my Wife's death to him and his heirs forever, he paying
Five Hundred Dollars to his Brothers and Sisters viz
Fifty Dollars to each or either, there being three for our
^{three children} to be received out of the above sum. The said Jacob
paying Fifty Dollars to his oldest Sister two years after
my death, then Fifty Dollars to the next oldest the
year following, and so on until he has paid the Four
Hundred Fifty Dollars. Jacob & Thomas not to be paid
until the come of age. And I truly appoint and constitute
my beloved Friends Isaac Holton and Benjamin
Holt executors of this my last Will and Testament, and
do hereby ^{authorize} allow, revoke, & annul all and every
Will & Testament, ratifying & confirming this and
no other to be my last Will & Testament. In
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & West

248
this first day of February in the year of our Lord Christ
the thousand Eight Hundred and a Hundred. Signed, sealed,
published, pronounced and declared by the said John
Smith as his last Will and Testament in the presence of
and in his friends, and in the presence of each other know
persons subscribers our names
Joshua Linsley } Samuel Smith
Elihu Linsley }
Prona May 29th 1875 by
Joshua Linsley Elihu Linsley
mark

In the name of God amen. I Robert Fox of Chatham
County and State of North Carolina, knowing the mortality
of my body, and calling to mind that it is appointed
for all mankind to die and being in my sound mind
and memory First of all I recommend my soul to
Almighty God that gave it, and for my body to have
a decent burial. Next I give unto my beloved Wife Anna
Fox Two Hundred Dollars and Furniture, and all my House
hold and Kitchen Furniture, and also the Hundred
acre Land, where I now live during her life time, and
all my Stock of every kind, I give unto my Wife during
her life time. Also I give unto my beloved Wife all my
working Tools. My Will further is that my Wife pay
all my Just debts. My Will further is that my beloved
Wife dispose of all the property that I have left her
Just as she shall think proper, and for to have it