

In the name of God. Amen. Whereas I am 43
Leman Smith of the State of North Carolina Chatham
County being sound in memory and understanding and
being sensible of the inconveniences that may ensue in
case I do not set my House in Order before I am called by
the Lord to remove from this earthly Tabernacle do make and
ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and
form following (viz) I give and bequeath unto my well
beloved wife Bethesda all my Stock of Hens, Cattle, Sheep
Hogs, except what will hereafter be excepted and all and
every species of Household & Kitchen furniture of every de-
scription except what will hereafter be excepted also all
my plantation utensils such as Waggon Oxcart and Oxen
Stage Waggons plow, hoe, Mattox and Ax, Smith tools &
Shop Ge. &c. And my desire is that she may dispose of all
sorts or any part of the above property so disposed of by vendue
or otherwise towards the payment of my just debts and if further
leave her during her natural life Sixteen Negroes (viz) Peter
Dick, Sam & his Son Dick, Charles & his Wife Lucy & their chil-
dren Jerry, Nancy, Lydia, Jude and Stephen and Judy to her
proper use benefit and behoof and also young Sam and her
son James, Lizza & London and her increase. And my will
is that she keep hold on a property in full quiet and peaceable
possession all and singular the premises and tract of Land
I now live on and be her death I give it with its appurte-
nances to my son Nathaniel Green now in India to
take my Children in rotation. I give in the first place to
my Daughter Agnes Wilson all that I have heretofore given
her viz, Negro girl Nancy, boy Willis, & Sally one feather Bed
and furniture one Chair & saddle & four Cows & Calves to her
and her heirs forever. — I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Rose
the Negro girl named Judy and boy Willis and girl Charlotte
one black Chair & saddle four Cows & Calves one feather

44. Right & furniture which she has already received to
her and her Heirs forever - I give unto my Son Peter
Pekins all the property in Land which I have heretofore
beeded to him one Negro Slave and Phillis, one Horse
and Saddle and two Cows and Calves, one feather Bed and
furniture to him and his heirs forever - I give unto my
son Charles all that tract of Land which I purchased of John
Milchers heirs and New England except twenty five acres below
me on both sides of the Creek and fifty acre adjoining my
Vestue tract of one hundred acres and two Negroes George
and Rose, one Horse and Saddle, two Cows & Calves, and one
feather Bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever -
I give unto my Daughter Peggy three Negroes, six Slaves and
her son Jacob & Lizzy, one Horse and Saddle, four Cows and
Calves, one feather Bed and furniture to her & her heirs forever
I give unto my Son Nicholas Pekins one tract of Land which
I beeded to him & three Negroes (ie) London & his Wife Lucy and
their son Miles, one Horse and Saddle two Cows & Calves, one
feather Bed & furniture to him and his heirs forever -
I give unto my Son John Ryer the ballance of my tract
of land I did not sell to Coat Johnson on Bush River and
three Negroes (ie) Isaac and Amy his wife & their son
Hose & Saddle, two Cows & Calves, feather bed and furniture to
him and his heirs forever - I give unto my Son Lemuel
the tract of Land which I purchased of my Son Nicholas
and two Negroes when he arrives at the age of twenty one
or Mary the Negroe an Horse and Slavery, one Horse and
Saddle two Cows and Cows, one feather Bed and furniture
to him and his heirs forever - I give unto my Son Nat
Shanell his and my Lands and plantations wheron my wife
his Mother now lies, ate and every part with all the Ap-
pertinances therunto belonging but his Mother is not
to be disturbed during her life but her death she may

I also give him two tracts of Land the one Deeded by Dr.
Henry Bray for one hundred Acre and the other by John M. Swain
for fifty Acre, and two Negroes (ie) Sam & Petty, one Horse and
Saddle two Cows & Calves one feather Bed and furniture to him
and his heirs for ever - I give unto my Grand Daughter Be-
thania T. Johnson One Negro Girl named China, One woman
Saddle, one feather Bed and furniture to her and her heirs
for ever - And my will and desire is that all and every of my
other lands not mentioned in this Will shall be sold to the
highest bidder or otherwise in order to satisfy all just debts
that may come against me - In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 3d day
of October A.D. 1818 - And I do hereby appoint my beloved
Wife Bethania my whole & sole Executrix of this my last
Will and Testament -

Signed and sealed as my last Will in presence of Samuel Smith (Seal)
William H. Starn
Stephen White
Henry P. Moody

Whereas I William Gillam of the County of Chatham and
State of North Carolina being of a sound mind and memory
and calling to mind the uncertainty of time and the necessity
of settling my outward affairs doth make and ordain this
my last Will and Testament revoking all others heretofore
made by me - Item 1. It is my will and desire that all my
just debts be paid as soon after my death as they conveniently
can by my executors and if there should not be money sufficient
on hand at such time to discharge the same that they