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Chatham County 3 This Certifies that the
 November Term 1842 3 foregoing last Will and
 Testament of William Mason Dec^d was proved
 in open Court by the oath of Thomas D. Fowler a
 subscribing Witness & ordered to be recorded where
 upon John A. Mason one of the Executors then
 named appeared in open Court & was qualified
 Teste M^{rs} Madison W

Be it remembered that I William Stout of
 Chatham County and State of North Carolina
 being sane and of full age, of sound mind and
 perfect memory, do make and deliver
 this my last Will and Testament in manner and
 form following (viz) My will is that all my just
 debts, together with my funeral charges be paid
 out of my Estate Secondly I will and bequeath
 unto my four sons (viz) namely, Simon William
 Joseph and Fady, all my lands to be divided
 in the following manner. The tract whereon I
 now live to be divided equally amongst them by
 number of acres and by lines running East and
 West north and south. Simon to have the south
 East Lot, William the South West Lot, Joseph the
 North West Lot and Fady the North East Lot. Also
 my other tract to be divided equally amongst them
 by lines running East and West. Simon to have
 the first Lot on the South side, William to have
 the second Lot on the North side, Joseph the third
 Lot and Fady the fourth Lot or North side to hold
 to them the said Simon Stout, William Stout
 Joseph Stout and Fady, Stout their heirs and

and assign forever. The intent and meaning
of my will in regard to the tract whereon I live
now lies in that it includes the Hickman tract and
all my lands between it and the County line and
as far East as the north and south line on the
East end of the Hickman tract. Thirdly I will
and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah
Smith the sum of One Hundred Dollars she has
borne when I now live and her maintenance
during her natural life or widowhood off the
whole of the plantation or tract of land on which
I now live. I will and bequeath unto my son
Simon Smith the sum of One Hundred Dollars.
I will and bequeath unto my son William Smith
the sum of One Hundred Dollars. I will and
bequeath unto my son Joseph Smith the sum
of One Hundred Dollars. I will and bequeath
unto my son Gad Smith the sum of One
Hundred Dollars. I will and bequeath unto
my daughter Phebe Allen the sum of One Hundred
Dollars. I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Mary Roberts the sum of One Hundred Dollars.
I will and bequeath unto my daughter Rachel
Smith the sum of One Hundred Dollars. I
appoint my Executors hereafter named to sell
all of my personal Estate goods and chattels of
what kind or nature comes my Factory Stock
included and make an equal division of the
money between my wife and children male
and female as off named. After the above
willed sum are made up off there should be
an equal division as above directed. And

and provided there be not enough to make them
up reduce each one, leaving in proportion to their
being willed - I do hereby nominate constitute and
appoint Solomon Smith and Joseph Smith Executors
of this my last will and Testament. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this the third day of the Eleventh month in the
year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred
and forty two
Signed sealed and acknowledged
by the said William Smith to be
his last will and Testament
in the presence of us
Jacob Cheslin (off)
Hugh Moody (off)

Wm Smith Seal

Chatham County February Term 1843.
This Certifies that the foregoing last will
and Testament of William Smith was proved
in open Court by the affirmations of Jacob
Cheslin and Hugh Moody the subscribing witnesses
whereupon Solomon Smith and Joseph Smith the
Executors therein named appeared in open
Court & were duly qualified
Wm. H. H. C. C. C.