

W. W. S.
North Carolina Gaston County I John Smith of this
County and State aforesaid being sound in mind &
Memory but feeling to mind that it appointed all men Once
to die do by these presents Make This & this only My Last Will
& Testament

First I Recommend My Soul to God who gave it & My body To The
Earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent form at
The discretion of My Executors hereafter appointed
I will and bequeath unto My son Samuel My Land &
Improvements on which now reside My said son
Samuel to pay all debts that may come against My
Estate to settle them in full & hold the plantation for
his part My son Samuel to maintain my sister in
law Sarah Weathers & my daughter Sarah Elmina off
of the Plantation so long as they may wish to remain
with him. I will and bequeath to my son John Sam
in My young Bay Mare also one Cow and calf also
one sow and piggs also one Good bed Bedstead &
Furniture also My Saddle also one fourth of my Corn
and Cotton now growing also Eight bushels of wheat
I will the Remains of My wheat to Sarah Elmina
and sister in law Sarah Weathers Equally also one
year provision out of the present growing crop also

I Will the Remainder of my Meat to Sarah Almira
and Sister-in-law Sarah Weathers Equally also one
year provision out of the present growing crop also
one cow and calf to each

I Will to my daughter Sarah Almira one side saddle
also one bed headstead and furniture also one wheel
barrow. also one Table & Bench

I Will to Sarah Almira & Sister-in-law Sarah Weathers
my cup board dishes &c. Equally between them

I will one bed headstead & furniture to Sister-in-law
Sarah Weathers

I Will to my son Samuel one bed and furniture and
one head steer

I Will my Last wifes clothes to my two daughters Sarah
Almira & Francis M. Morrice Equal

I Will to my son John L. & daughter Sarah A. & Sister-
in-law Sarah Weathers hogs Enough to do them for
Meat for one year and one yearling calf and one sh. o.
to my daughter Sarah A. & Sister-in-law Sarah Weathers
also the Remainder of my Cotton now growing
I Will the Remainder of my property to be
Sold & Equally divided among my children

With

143 Oliver W. Elijah James W. B. John S. Sarah A. &
Sarah M. Yonence

All to help to Gather the Crop of Corn those who fail
to help to pay those that do gather it
I will to have Sarah Weather one Chest wheel &
boards

I hereby nominate and appoint Oliver W. Smith
and James W. Smith my Executors to this my
Last Will and Testament & I hereby disannul all former
Wills Making this and this only my last Will & Testament
in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal
This the Eighteenth day of August A.D. Eighteen hundred
and fifty two

Signed Sealed and published &
acknowledged in the
presence of
J. H. Holland
William D. Hanna

his
John Smith 
Mark

In the Name of God Amen I Daniel Coker of
the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina