

I Sarah Smith of the County of Greene & State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make declare this my last will & Testament in manner & form following 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 expenses together with my just & lawful burials & to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part & parcel of my estate
- I then give and devise to my daughter Rebecca Smith all of my lands that I now own it being one half of the tract where I now live to have and to hold to her the said Rebecca Smith for & during the term of her natural life
- I then give & devise to my son William S. Smith all the land I now own it being one half of the tract where I now live except the life estate of daughter Rebecca Smith which I give in a former item of this my will to have & to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever
- I then give & bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Smith one feather bed & furniture to have & to hold to her & her heirs in fee simple forever
- I then give & devise to my daughter Rebecca Smith one feather bed & furniture to have & to hold to her the said Rebecca Smith for & during the term of her natural life
- I then give & devise to my said daughter Sarah Smith & daughter of the said Smith one feather bed & furniture except the life estate of my daughter Rebecca Smith in a former item of this my will to have & to hold to her & her heirs in fee simple forever
- I then give & bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Smith eight hundred pounds of pork or bacon & all the land one half & twenty five pounds of corn & fifteen bushels of wheat & all the stock & farming implements & to have furniture & all the stock except one cow which I give to James Newson son of Salitha Newson I also give my daughter Rebecca Smith all the fowls on hand one cow & calf her choice & all the poultry to have and to hold to her & her heirs in fee simple forever
- I then I devise to my daughter Rebecca Smith one Brown horse & mule about three years old to have and to hold to the said Rebecca Smith for & during the term of her natural life

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- I then give & devise to my son William S. Smith one Brown horse & mule about three years old except the life estate of my daughter Rebecca Smith devised in a former item of this my will to have and to hold to him & his heirs in fee simple forever
- I then give & bequeath to Sarah & Smith daughter of Mark Smith one feather bed & furniture one cow & calf to have & to hold to her & her heirs in fee simple forever
- I then give & bequeath to James Newson son of Salitha Newson one bed & furniture one young steer about three years old & one sow to have & to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever
- I then give to and bequeath to my son Henry Smith one cow & calf to have & to hold to him & his heirs in fee simple forever
- I then give & bequeath to my son William S. Smith one cow & calf which he now holds in possession to him & his heirs in fee simple forever
- I then give & bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Smith all of my house hold furniture & all the furniture & to have and to hold to her & her heirs in fee simple forever
- I then give & bequeath the residue of my property as follows to be equally divided between my children to have & to hold to them & their heirs in fee simple forever
- And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Jesse Benton my lawful Executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & Testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same and every and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made

In witness whereof I the said Sarah Smith do then unto set my hand and seal this 12th day of February 1870

Sarah Smith (Seal)
make

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Sarah Smith to be her last will & Testament in the presence of us to her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses there to

Mary J. Benton
Nancy J. Benton

North Carolina
Greene County

In the Probate Court April 15th 1870
Appearing purporting to be the last will and