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In the Name of God Amen, I, my Smith of the County  
Of Halifax and State of North Carolina, being in a low state of bodily  
Health but in perfect state of Mind do Make ~~this~~ my Last Will & Testament  
all others to this purpose notwithstanding as follows To-wit

Imprimis I Commend my soul to that God that gave me Existence & to my  
Design to my Mother Earth to be buried in a decent Manner

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Rollins her heirs & assigns  
for ever One Negro girl named Lillie but with this Condition that her  
Husband Thomas Rollins give previous Receipt to me or my Executor in  
full of all Demands against me on Acct of his Wifes Estate, while in  
my hands - also Ten Pounds in Money

Item I give & bequeath to my son Howell Tatum his heirs & assigns for ever  
One Negro Woman named Pat & One bed with half the bed furniture I  
may be possess of

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Smith One Negro boy named  
Anthony One bed with the remainder part of the bed furniture One Walnut  
Chest & Drawers & New Womens Saddle and Bridle

Mary Smith

Anthony One bed with the remainder part of the bed Furniture One Walnut  
Chest & Drawers & New Womens saddle and bridle

Item I Give & bequeath to my son James Tatum his heirs & assigns for ever  
One Negro fellow named Tomby

Item It is my will & Desire that all the residue of my Estate be sold  
& the Money arising therefrom be Equally divided between my two sons  
Howell & James Tatum & my daughter Mary Smith

Item It is my further will & desire that in case my daughter Mary Smith  
Should die before she is Eighteen year of age, or married, that every part of my  
Estate left her in this will be Equally divided between my son Howell Tatum  
& my daughter Sarah Collins & also constitute & appoint my son  
Howell Tatum Executor to this my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of January,  
One thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Four  
Signed Seal & Acknowledge to be the last will  
& Testament in the presence of  
J. H. Green J. W. John Pines

Mary W. Smith  
mark

Halifax County. 5<sup>th</sup> Feby. Court 1784. Then this will was duly  
Proved in Open Court by the Oath of J. West Green Clerk on Motion  
Ordered to be Recorded. Test. Wm. Hooten etc

John Smith

In the Name of God Amen I John Smith of Halifax County  
in the State of North Carolina being sick in body but of sound mind & perfect  
Memory pray you so think Proper to make & ordain this my Last will &  
Testament in Manner & form following Vizt -  
First Recommending my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me hoping  
through the Merit of Jesus Christ my Ever blessed Redeemer to have a free Pardon  
of all my sins & as for my worldly Estate which it hath pleased Almighty  
God to bless me with I Leave as followeth Vizt first my will is that all my  
Just Debts & funerall Charges shall be paid & Discharged by my Exor.  
Hereafter Named -

Item I give & bequeath to my son John Smith One Shilling Sterling -