

In the name of God Amen

I Arthur Smith of Halifax County North Carolina being old & infirm of body, and knowing that I must ere long depart this life, do therefore while in my proper senses make & ordain this my last Will and Testament in the following manner viz.

I Imprimis, I give my Soul into the hand of Almighty God who gave it and my mortal Body to be committed to the Grave, at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned.

I then I give to my loving Wife Ann Smith all my Stock of Horses with four head to the value of thirty Pounds each & I also give to her my Stock of Cattle Hogs & Sheep my Crop of Corn & other Grain, my Household & Kitchen Furniture these I give to her as her own Property for her to dispose of as she thinks proper.

I now lend to my said Wife Ann Smith the Plantation whereon I now live & one half of the Field Called Hodgez and the Field Called Cobells, with Timber to supply it adjoining thereto, & I also lend to her six Negroes Simon Rachel, old Beck, Tamael Quash & Buck these I lent to her as long as she lives, and I lend to her Martha Smith, Robert Puffer Smith, Ann Bennett Smith & William Puffer Smith; Negroes while they come to age or Marry

Arthur Smith

Ann

I then I give & bequeath to my Daughter Molly Hogan ten Negroes
 old Jack, Fney, Clary, Peter, Buck, Charity, Bob, Sid, Rody, and Nan, them
 and their increase to her & her Heirs for ever.
 I then I give to my son Drew Smith the Tract of Land I bought of
 Whitaker lying on the South side of Kihukah & part of my Land adjoin-
 ing to it which may be known by a line of Marked Trees running near a
 North & South course, I also give to my said son the Tract of Land called
 light-Nucke to a dividing line that runs between the Plantation I now
 dwell on, and the said light-Nucke which line begins at a Hickory on Jacob
 Barrow's line, near against the Dwelling House, then running near a
 East course along a line of marked trees to Atton's line to a Gum, these
 three Tracts of Land I give to him & his Heirs for ever. I also give to him
 eleven negroes old Will, Seroe, Ben, Sul, Edmy, Forman, John, Jo, Jone
 Sarah & Banethy them & their increase to him & his Heirs for ever.
 I then I give & bequeath to my son Arthur Smith part of the Tract of
 Land formerly belonging to William Drew and the Plantation called Jo
 Bull's Rippins place and the piece called William Drews Trins the other
 two before mentioned, the whole joins together and lies in the following
 manner, beginning at white Oak in Atton's line then running a S.E.
 course along a line of Marked Trees to a Pine Stump John Bells corner
 in a prong of Cypress Swamp then running along James Smith's line to Ed-
 Williams' corner, a Gum in a pond then along his line to the Road then up
 the Road to a pine in Atton's line then running on his line to first Station
 a white Oak the said ^{land} I give to him and his Heirs for ever. I also give to
 my son Arthur Smith

my son arthur Smith nine Negroes Abraham little Wily Sarah Hanna
Pink Charity Dial Cope, & Rose; them I then increase to him & his heirs for ever
I then I give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha Smith Ten Negroes
young Jack Tiller, Hagar Schmidt Isaac Quash, Tom, Fanny, Pat, & Kate,
them I then I increase to her & her heirs for ever.
I then, I give and bequeath to my son Robert Stuffer Smith part of my
Plantation which lies on the South side of Rahukah, it lies in the following
manner beginning at red oak in Nicks Bryants line then running near a North
Course along a line of marked trees to the line called the makers line then
along that line to a red Oak in Rahukah then down the courses of the
Swamp to a Hickory my corner in William Vaughans line, then along his
line to my corner & Nicks Bryants which is three pines, then along Bryants
line to the first Station a red Oak. I also give to my said Son Robert
Smith the Plantation called Hodges, it lies in the following form, beginning at
a Pine on the side of the Road in Allons line then running down the Road
to Elisha Williams line then along his line to a White Oak on the side of the Pond
then up the Pond to Allons line a Cypress then along his line to the first
Station a Pine. I likewise give to him the Remaining part of the tract of
land called William Draw, it lies in the following manner beginning at a White
Oak Allons line running near a S. E. Course along a line of marked trees
to a Pine Stump John Belles corner, in a Tract of Cypress Swamp, then running
the Courses of the Swamp to Allons line a Gum John Belles corner then
along Allons line to the first Station a white oak. These three Pieces of Land I

to him and his Heirs for ever, I likewise give to my said Son Robt R. Smith
Nine Negroes, Moses, Charles, Kit, old black, Aggy, young Beck, Moll, Py, An-
nah, them & their increase, to him & his heirs for ever.

I then, I give & bequeath to my Daughter Ann Bennett Smith
Nine Negroes, Gay, Simon, Rachel, Savory, Soper, Jol, Sijah, Druce, & So.
them and their increase to her and her Heirs for ever.

I then, I give and bequeath to my son William Rufus Smith, the
Plantation wherein I now dwell, it lies in the following manner, beginning
at the River in the Mouth of the Gut Whitmills line, then running along
his line to Jacob Parrouz line, thence along his line to a Hickory against
the House, then running near an East Course along a line of Marko trees
to Hesters line a Gum which is the dividing line between the place
I now live and the light neck from thence along Hesters line to the
River then up the River to the first Station, I also give to my said
son Thirteen Negroes, Lewis, Hannah, Suce, Gilphah, Davy, Daniel, George,
Lazrus, Jacob, Domic, Treie, Rhoda, young Jony, Suce, them & their increase
to him & his heirs for ever.

Lastly, I constitute & appoint my Friends James Smith, Marmaduke
Bryllet & Druce Smith Joint Executors of this my last Will & Testament in
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand affixed my seal this 7th day
of February 1789

signed, sealed, and delivered in the
Presence of us Elisha Dixon,
Marmaduke Bille

Arthur Smith Seal

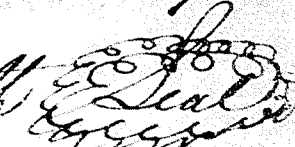
Halifax County, Va. May 14th 1789
County Court
Attest: proved by the oath of

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son fourteen Negroes, Lewis, Hannah, Suce, Gilphah, Davy, Daniel, George,
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Arthur Smith 

Halifax County Jct. May Sep 1789
Then this Will was exhibited in open Court & duly proved by the oath of
Elisha Dixon, a witness thereto & on motion ordered to be Recorded, whereupon
Marmaduke Norfleet & Drury Smith came in & was duly Qualified as
Executory thereto

Test Wm. Woodhouse

In the name of Good Men