

In the Name of God Amen I shew much being  
sick but of perfect sound memory & Calling to mind the  
Uncertainty of this mortal State do ordain this my last Will  
& Testament & first of all I recommend my Soul unto the  
hands of almighty God who gave it & my Body to be decently  
buried at the discretion of my Friends; Thus I send  
to my Loving Wife Elizabeth Smith five Negroes to wit  
one Fellow named Dick, another named Wings, another  
named Jack, one which named Rose and the named Man-  
nah, During her Life, & then they the 5 Negroes above named  
& their Increase to be equally divided among my four  
Daughters to wit) Pricilla Miller, Temperance, Anne &  
them & the heirs of their Lawfully Begotten for ever  
I send to my Loving Wife Elizabeth Smith the  
Plantation where I now live & being free Life; I send  
I send & bequeath to my Daughter Pricilla the Plantation  
where Mr. Richard Peter now lives the 1/2 Richard Peter  
to have the use of it during his Life, also the Plantation  
where James Hancock now lives, also the Plantation  
where Mary Bell now lives, to her my Daughter  
Pricilla Smith & the heirs of her Body Lawfully  
Begotten for ever & for want of such heirs to my Daughter  
Temperance the heirs of her Body Lawfully Begotten  
for ever; I send & bequeath to my Daughter Temperance  
the Plantation where I now live, & the Land belonging to it  
to have the heirs of her Body Lawfully Begotten for ever  
& for want of such heirs to my Daughter Pricilla & the  
heirs of her Body Lawfully Begotten for ever; the divid-  
ing line between my Daughter Pricilla & Temperance  
is as follows. Vizt, Beginning at a Cypress at the  
mouth of a deep Bottom running along the Bottom to  
the Road between the 2 Bottoms & running to a Corner  
in said Lane & then to a corner in said Lane & then to a corner

nah, During his life, & then they the 2<sup>d</sup> Negroes above named  
 & their increase to be equally divided among my four  
 Daughters (to wit) Pivella, Milla, Samprence, & Ann to  
 them & the heirs of their Bodies lawfully Begotten for ever  
 then, I sold to my loving wife Elizabeth Smith the  
 Plantation which I was lawfully inheriting by her life; then  
 I sold & conveyed to my daughter Pivella the Plantation  
 where Mr. Richard Peter now lives the 2<sup>d</sup> Richard Peter  
 to have the use of it during his life, also the Plantation  
 where Mr. James Womack now lives, also the Plantation  
 where Mr. Mary Bell now lives, to her my daughter  
 Pivella Smith & the heirs of her Body lawfully  
 Begotten for ever for ever of such heirs of my daughter  
 Samprence & the heirs of her Body lawfully Begotten  
 now, then, I sold & conveyed to my daughter Samprence  
 the Plantation which I was lawfully inheriting by her life, & the land belonging to  
 to her & the heirs of her Body lawfully Begotten for ever  
 & for ever of such heirs of my daughter Pivella & the  
 heirs of her Body lawfully Begotten for ever; the divid-  
 ing line between my daughter Pivella & Samprence  
 is as follows, Vizt, Beginning at a Cypress at the  
 mouth of a deep Bottom running along the Bottom to  
 the Broad meadow then a straight course to a corner  
 in my land, then along my Patent line, to the Widow  
 Bello corner in a corner of the Cypress Swamp  
 the corner of the Cypress Swamp, to my daughter  
 corner that divides the line that divides between  
 & me to the line; then I sold & conveyed to my daugh-  
 ter Milla the land where Mr. Nathan Maden now  
 lives beginning at a corner in the Swamp the  
 corner of the Cypress Swamp to a corner in the Swamp the  
 corner of the Swamp to a corner in the Swamp the  
 then along the line to a corner in the Swamp the

Path, I also give to my daughter Millica one Negro  
Girl named Lucy all which Land & Negro I have to  
daughter Millica & the heirs of her Body Lawfully Begotten  
for ever & for want of such Heir to my daughter  
Anna & the heirs of her Body Lawfully Begotten  
for ever; Item, I Give & bequeath to my daughter  
the Plantation whereon I have a Beginning of the River Bank  
beginning of the River Bank William Williams's  
colony house to a corner in the upper branch to  
along Creathews Path to a corner in the 2<sup>d</sup> part to  
a well run before mentioned chance colony within the  
line to the River chance the course of the River to the  
Station also I Give to my daughter Anne one Negro  
Girl named Olive all which Land & Negro I have to  
daughter Anne & the heirs of her Body Lawfully Be-  
gotten for ever & for want of such Heir to my daughter  
the Negro & the heirs of her Body Lawfully Begot-  
ten for ever & the remaining part of my Negro  
to Equally divided among my sons Laughton,  
Piscilla, Melba, Temperance & Mary to be divid-  
ed by my Executors hereafter mentioned & to be  
in their Land, Item, I Give & bequeath to Melba  
the son of Arthur Bryant by my sister Mary the  
of a tract of Land I bought of Arthur Bryant  
on the South side of Meherrin Range, being for  
the patent for the said John Statute made  
also Ten pounds Virginia Money to be paid in pro-  
vision of the said Land & Money when he shall write to the  
21 Yards to him & his heirs for ever & he dying without such  
Heir to fall to his Brother Nicholas Bryant & his heirs  
for ever, Item, I Give & bequeath to Nicholas Bryant son  
of the aforesaid Arthur & Mary Bryant the other half of the  
Land I bought of Arthur Bryant & the other mentioned &  
Ten pounds Virginia Money to be paid in pro-

along the adjacent side to a corner and not to  
a well, as before mentioned, thence along the  
line to the house, thence the course of the river to the  
Station also. I Give to my daughter Ann one Negro  
Girl named Olive, all which Land & Negro I Give to  
Margaret Ann & the heirs of her Body Lawfully to  
be gotten for ever for and to the heirs of her Body  
Lawfully to be gotten & the heirs of her Body Lawfully to  
be gotten for ever & the remaining part of my Negro  
to be equally divided among my sons Hugh, John,  
Percilla, Melia, Temperance & Mary, to be held  
by my Executors hereafter mentioned & to be  
in their Land, Item, I Give & request that Nelson is  
the son of Arthur Bryant buy my sister Mary the  
of a tract of Land I Bought of Arthur Bryant  
on the South side of New River, being part  
the patent for the Land John White was to have  
also ten pounds Virginia Money to be paid in pro-  
vision of the said Land & Money when he shall come to the age  
21 Years to him & his heirs for ever he dying without issue  
then to fall to his Brother Nicholas Bryant & his heirs  
for ever, Item, I Give & request to Nicholas Bryant son  
of the aforesaid Arthur & Mary Bryant the other half of the  
Land I Bought of Arthur Bryant above mentioned &  
ten pounds Virginia Money to him & his heirs for  
ever, & for want of such heirs to his Brother William  
Bryant & his heirs for ever the said Money to be paid  
in his possession when he comes to the age of twenty  
Years, my Will is that my Executors shall pay to the  
shall be paid to the highest Bidder a Liberty in Money  
Credit & the Money to be put to the use of discharging  
debts & Legacies in Money all which to be done by my  
Executors Item, I Give to my Loving Wife all the Remainings

of my Estate during her Life to raise my Children or and  
which to be equally divided among my four Daughters  
(that) after my Wife's decease I have my Brothers  
James Smith & Abner Smith whole & sole Executors of this  
my Last Will & Testament. Witness my hand & Seal this  
22<sup>d</sup> day of February 1762; ~~James Smith~~ <sup>James Smith</sup> signed  
seal'd & deliver'd in the presence of Henry Stiffin, James  
Haynes & Henry Collins;

Halifax 7<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> March Superior Court 1762  
This Will was Exhibited in open Court & call'd by the Ex<sup>r</sup>  
& duly prov'd by the oaths of Henry Stiffin & Henry Collins  
two of the Subscribing <sup>Witnesses</sup> thereto who on their oaths & that they  
they saw James Haynes the other Subscribing Witness  
there to sign the said Will as a Witness where upon  
James Smith one of the Ex<sup>r</sup>s in the said Will would  
was duly Qualify'd by taking the oath by Law  
directed, & that the said Will be prov'd &

Test J. Moulton C. C.