

Edward Hudson

I give to Thomas Edward Hudson Ten shillings Sterling money to him & his heirs for ever.
Item I give to Robert Burton Hudson Ten shillings Sterling money to him and his heirs for ever.
Item I give to Crappell Archer Hudson Ten shillings Sterling money to him & his heirs for ever.
Item The Land whereon I now live I wish to be sold together with my Crop, Stock of all kinds, household & Kitchen furniture &c and the money arising from the sale thereof to be equally divided between my son John Hudson & my daughter Polly Jordan to them and their heirs for ever. My Wife absents herself from me contrary to my wish It is my desire to disannul her & her children. Lastly I do nominate & appoint my Brother Thomas Hudson Esq. and Maclen Bap Executors to this my last Will and Testament revoking all wills heretofore made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal This 11. day of November A.D. 1870

Signed Sealed &c in Presence
of Henry Shaw Sarah ^{his} & Shaw Maclen Bap.
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Yeloz Sep^r 1871 Then this Will was exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath of Henry Shaw one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & on O.R. Whereupon Maclen Bap one of the Executors in the said Will named came into open Court & was duly qualified to the same.

Witness H.D. Burgess Clk

James Smith

I James Smith Senior of Halifax County being at this Time of sound mind & good health, but still knowing the uncertainty of my life & being desirous that my property should after my death be divided agreeable to my wishes and with as little trouble as possible do hereby make & ordain this my last Will & Testament revoking & declaring all others null & void. First I give & bequeath to my Loving wife Sally Thirsty Senior all others null & void. First I give & bequeath to my Loving wife Sally Thirsty Senior, Begones as follows, Charles, Davy, Harry, Skip, Edy, Elijah, Lajool, Pack, Will, Betty, Henry,

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The increase of all the said Negroes & their Children, half of all my kitchen furniture, half of all the stock, say Horses, cattle, hogs, sheep & half the Plantation utensils, that is owned & claimed by my wife being the stock generally called hers and being all the stock I may own at and on Scotland Neck plantation and any marked in her name else have during her natural life and after her death to her daughter Hannah Strofflet to be thought of as a part of a deed of Trust executed by me for said property on the fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seven. And I also give to her my said wife Sally the other Twenty one negroes of the Thirty nine first mentioned. To say Sam, Guy, Jeff, Dick, Nelson, Willie, Whitmell, Tom, Gato, Betty. (sometimes called Liza) Franky, Hasty, Cloe, Jonas, Molly, Pallas, Milly, Lisha, Venus, Arny, Grace all the children they the said Negroes now have. not otherwise given or conveyed I will increase of said Negroes and their Children, half of all my household & kitchen furniture, half of my stock, that is half of the horses, cattle, hogs & sheep generally called hers and in her name half of my Plantation utensils at place called Bell's place, to her during her natural life, and after her death to her daughter Sally & Rhody and to her heirs forever, agreeable to a deed of gift signed by me the 14 of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seven. I give & bequeath to my grand son James Smith & his heirs for ever a Negro girl called Fanny or Jon that. I give & bequeath to my grandson Jussur Smith & his heirs for ever a Negro girl called Rose. I give & bequeath to my grandson George Nicholas Smith & his heirs for ever a Negro girl called Judy. I give & bequeath to my much beloved son James Smith after my debts are paid all the residue or balance of my Estate & property real & personal of every kind & description. I wish it fully understood that it is my wish & meaning that the property herein given to my wife during her natural life & then to her daughter Hannah Strofflet & Sally & Rhody shall be given up free of any charge and to be distributed as expressed that three Negro girls & their increase go to my three grand sons as given. That any debts I may owe at my decease be paid out of the balance of my Estate and all then remaining, say my Plantation called Dick's, the Land whereon my son James lives as well as other Land I own with other property owned by me or that I may own at my death.

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my stock, that is to say, my Plantation utensils at Place called Bells Bluff, to her during her natural life, and after her death to her daughter Sally G Rhoads and to her heirs for ever, a grante to a deed of gift signed by me the 14 of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred & Seven. I give & bequeath to my grand son James Smith & his heirs for ever a Negro Girl called Fanny a son this. I give & bequeath to my grandson Jussur Smith & his heirs for ever a Negro Girl called Rose. I give & bequeath to my grandson George Nicholas Smith & his heirs for ever a Negro Girl called Judy. I give & bequeath to my much beloved son James Smith after my debts are paid all the residue or balance of my Estate & Property real & Personal of every kind & description. I wish it fully understood that it is my wish & meaning that the Property herein given to my wife during her natural life & then to her daughter Hannah Thorp & Sally G Rhoads shall be given up free of any charge and to be distributed as expressed that three Negro Girls & their increase go to my three Grand sons as given. That any debts I may owe at my decease be paid out of the balance of my Estate and all then remaining, say my Plantation called Dick's, the Land wherein my son James lives as well as other Land I own with other Property owned by me or that I may own at my death not herein before given go to & be the Property of my son James & his heirs for ever. I do hereby nominate & appoint my friend David Clark and my son James Smith Executors to this my last will & Testament. Witness my hand & Seal this 4. day of October 1809.

James Smith

Signed & Sealed in Presence of
Richard Smith David Pulley

Halifax County

Febr/ 9th 1811. Then this will was exhibited in open court and duly proved by the oath of Richard Smith who also proves the execution of David Pulley & on Oth. Whereupon James Smith an executor in the said will named came into open court & was duly Qualified Thence

Witness H. J. Burns Clk

In the Name of God. I John A. Gray of the County of Halifax and State of N. Carolina