

In the Name of God • Amen, I Robert W. Smith of Watauga County (an State of North Carolina being very sick and weak of body but imperfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling to mind the Mortality of the body & knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament. That is to say principally (and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my Body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner. I give to my son Thomas W. Smith a tract of land lying on the Cypress Swamp which Lot and I purchased at the sale of Christopher Moore) containing four hundred & fifty acres more or less to him and his heirs forever, I give to my son Arthur Smith a tract of land lying on the East side of M. Norfolk's tract and which I purchased of Wad. Ball containing five hundred & thirty acres more or less to him and his heirs forever, I give to my son Ruffin Smith the tract of land on which I now live containing three hundred & thirty five acres more or less to him and his heirs forever. But it is my will & desire that if either of my sons should die without leaving lawful issue of their body - that the said land should return to my surviving sons. I give to my daughter Elizabeth C. Smith a Negro Woman named Beck (and five hundred dollars) to her she freely possessed & enjoyed I give to my daughter Mary Ann Smith three hundred dollars to her she freely possessed and enjoyed - I give to my daughter Martha W. Smith three hundred dollars to her she freely possessed and enjoyed. I give to my daughter Susan Smith three hundred dollars to her she freely possessed and enjoyed. I give to my daughter Christopher Moore

Robert W. Smith's Will

Wm. W. Smith

Forty five acres more or less Adam this being forever. But it is my will & desire that if
either of my sons should die without having lawful issue of their body - that the said
land should return to my surviving sons. I give to my daughter Elizabeth A. Smith
a Negro Woman named Beck and five Hundred Dollars by her fully possessed & enjoyed
I give to my daughter Mary Ann Smith five hundred Dollars by her fully possessed
and enjoyed - I give to my daughter Martha Will, Smith five Hundred Dollars by her
fully possessed and enjoyed by her. I give to my Grand son Christopher Moore
five Hundred Dollars by him fully possessed & enjoyed which money is to be raised out
of my estate. It is my will and desire that after discharging my just debts that the
residue of my property shall be equally divided between my three above named children
and my grand son Christ. Moore each & every one of them an Equal share. It is my will
& desire that my three daughters & my grand son Christ. Moore - have the privilege of the
House, garden &c. where I now live as a place of residence free of any rent or encumbrance
until my son William Smith comes of age. If my Grand son Christ. Moore should die
without having lawful issue begotten of his body it is my desire that the above property
given him shall return to my surviving children to be equally divided among them.

I constitute make and Order Wm. W. Smith, John W. Smith & Arthur Smith & Solomon A. Toller
Exors of this my last will & testament, and lawfully attest, execute, record & document
all and every other former testaments, Wills, Legacies, Bequests & Gifts given in any way
before named, written & legacies, Wills, Legacies & Bequests this and no other to be my last Will &
testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 23 October in the year 1823.
Signed sealed & attested
Wm. W. Smith
James R. Smith

Hartford County

Nov. 1821

Then the Will was exhibited in open Court and duly proved
by the Oath of Richard Smith Witness thereto who says
that the Testator at the time of signing the same was
of sound mind and disposing memory and on motion ordered & decreed -
Whereupon Thomas B. Smith one of the Executors therein named came in and
was duly qualified thereto.

Witness Richard Eppes C. Clerk

In the Name of God Amen, I John Herbert of Hartford County &
State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I Commit my Soul
to God whosoever it and my body to the grave. I make and constitute this my
last Will and Testament. I Give to my beloved Wife, Milly Herbert one third part
of my land including the lot and houses wherein I now live during her natural
life of widowhood and then to be given to my Son John Herbert and also
I Give to my Wife Milly Herbert my Negro Woman by the name of Merry
during her natural life of widowhood and then to be sold and equally divided
between my Sons Jesse, John, and Abner Herbert. I also lend my Wife Milly
Herbert two Cows & also two Sows & pigs & one bed and furniture during her
natural life of widowhood, then sold & equally divided between Jesse, John &
Abner Herbert. I also give and bequeath the balance of my lands to be
equally divided between my two Sons Jesse & Abner Herbert. I also lend to my

Milly's Will