

August Term 1797 then this will was exhibited in Open Court & duly proved by the oath of John Jenkins one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & An Motion Ordered to be Recorded; Whereupon William Brinkley & Abraham Brinkley two of the Executors therein named, came in and was duly Qualified to the same

Witness

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Sam^r C Smith dec^d made

In The Name of God Amen I Samuel Smith of Halifax County & State of North Carolina being sick & weak in Body but of perfect mind & Memory, knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make, This my last will & Testament and such worldly Estate as hath pleased God to bestow on Me I bequeath & dispose of in manner & form following

First I give & bequeath to my two sons viz. Thomas & Samuel Smith the whole of my Land to be Equally divided between them. so that my oldest son Thomas Smith may have the Houses & Orchard, & plantation whereon I now live, Item I also Give & bequeath to my son Thomas two Negroe men viz. Jife & Sam. to him & his heirs forever forever, Item I bind to my Daughter Nancy James one negroe Girl named Nancy during her natural life and after her death my desire is that all her then Surviving Children may have & enjoy the said negroe Girl Nancy & her increase if any forever; Item I have Given to my Daughter, Molly Harvey one negroe man viz. Named Spencer. Item I give to my Daughter Judith Saxon one negroe man named Moses to her & her heirs forever. Item I give to my Daughter Lucy Smith one negroe man named Solomon to her & her heirs forever Item I give to my Daughter Peggy Smith one negroe woman named Hannah to her & heirs forever —

Item I give to my son Samuel Smith one negroe woman named Polly to him & his heirs
forever, I also Give my son Samuel Smith my riding saddle, and my desire is that my said son
Sam^r should have the foal that is in my Sorrel mare & raise it on her untill next fall —
Item I give to my Daughter Melly Smith one negroe Girl named Chainey to her & her heirs forever
Item I give to my Daughter Betsey Barbory Smith one negroe Boy named Jack to her & her heirs forever
Item I give to my Two Youngest Daughters Sucky & Martha Smith one negroe woman named
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fourteen pound fifteen shillings, also Molly Harvey the sum of twenty two pounds & four shillings
nine pence, all rated in Virginia Money my desire is that, the rest of my Children should be
made Equal with them, before they share any of my moveable property, & then for all to share &
share alike, And further my desire is, that the Crop that now is in The house of Corn, Peck
Cotton Liquor &c, should remain to support my Children, that stay on the plantation, and I
do hereby appoint my son Thomas Smith and my Friends Benjamin Gales & Isaac Kirk Executors
of this my last will & Testament, and I do hereby utterly revoking disallow all former Wills
by me made, declaring this & no other to be my last will & Testament, In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & seal this first day of March 1797

Signed Sealed & Declared by the within named Testator Samuel Smith
to be his last will & Testament In presence of us
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