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Thomas Smith

In the Name of God Amen, I Thomas Smith of the
 County of Halifax & State of North Carolina being Sick & Weak
 but of sound ^{Perfect} Mind and Memory Praise be therefore Given to Almighty
 God do Make and Ordain this my Last Will & Testament in
 Manner & form following. That is to say first & Principally I commend
 my Soul to the hands of Almighty God Hoping through the
 Merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have share Pardon and
 forgiveness of all my sins. & to Inherit Everlasting life & my body
 I commit to the Earth to be Decently buried at the Discretion of
 my Executors hereafter Named. As Touching the Disposition of all
 such Temporal Estate as it has please God to Bestow upon me
 I Give & Dispose thereof as followeth.

First I will & ordain that all the Debts which I do owe to any
 Person or Persons & my Funeral Charges shall be well and Truly
 Satisfied and Paid

Then I Give & bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Phoebe Smith my
 Land whereon I now live during her life and after her Decese
 to my son Burrill Smith. I likewise Give to my Wife Phoebe
 Smith one Negroe Man known by the name of James and
 by the name of

one by the name of Arthur, and one Negro Woman known
by the name of Kate, with all my Stock, and Household
Furniture in during her life, and then to be Equally Divided
among all my children.

Hence it is my Desire that my Daughter Temper Smith shall
have Forty Pounds at my Wife's Death to be Raised out of my
Estate. I hereby leave Thos Smith & Henry Overstreet my
Executors given under my & Seal this Twenty fifth of March
One thousand seven Hundred & Eighty four.

Signed Sealed in the
presence of

Thos. Smith - Seal

Test Henry Overstreet Junr.

Leve Overstreet — Halifax County St. Augt. Court 1784

When this Will was returned in Open Court by the oath of
Henry Overstreet one of the subscribing Witnesses. who on his oath
Did say that he saw the Testator sign Seal Publish and
Declare this to be his Last Will & Testament & that at the time
of signing the same he was of Sound Mind & Memory. to the best
of his Knowledge & belief. On Motion Ordered to be
Recorded

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Wm. Patton Clk