

William Smith's Will

Test Wm. Smith

In the Name of God Amen. I William Smith, of Halifax County, & State of North Carolina, being weak in body, do Make & Ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form as follows. Item, all my land which I now have, and have not given away; I give unto my Son Moses Smith, & his heirs forever. Item, it is my will and desire that my daughter Elizabeth Edmundson shall take one Negro Girl & pay for her what two unconcerned men shall value her to; by the Name of Lfd, and have six Months to pay the Money in. Item, it is my will and desire that my Executor hereafter mentioned; sell my whole Estate that I have not given away to the highest bidder given credit at his Discretion, and make an equal Division Among the following Children to wit Catherine Harris Elizabeth Edmundson Judah Harris Mary Powell, Ann Harris & Lucy Powell, share and share alike, to them and theirs forever. Item, I do hereby appoint my friend, Peter Smith Senr. Executor of this my last Will and Testament. As Witness I have here affixed my hand and seal this 26th day of March 1791.

William Smith
mark

in the presence of us
Sam^l Brazington
Thomas Shaw M^r
mark

Halifax County

August Session 1791. Then this will was Exhibited in Open Court, and duly proved by the Oath of Thomas Shaw, One of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, and as Motion ordered to be recorded. Whereupon Peter Smith, the Executor named in the said will, Came in Open Court, and was duly Qualified as an Executor thereto. Test Wm. Smith

John Watson's Will

In the Name of God Amen. I John Watson, of the Town of Halifax, and State of North Carolina, being sick & weak, but of sound Mind & Memory, do