

The Last Will and Testament of Col. John Smith In the Name of God Amen  
First Recomend my Soul to God that Giv it me and my Body to be Buried  
in a Christian like manner

Hence Give to my wife Sarah Smith one negro woman named Sabine one  
Negro man named Martha and one negro man named Ben —  
Hence Give to my son John Smith my Plantation I now do sell on to  
the first Gut above the Bridge and then a South corner in East to  
the Back Line —  
Hence I give to my son Benjamin Smith the Remainder of my Tract  
of Land upon Smith Creek —  
Hence I give to my Daughter Sillery Smith one negro girl named Lucy —  
Hence I give to my Daughter Sarah Smith one negro named Sudah —  
Hence I give to my son John Smith one negro girl named Else —  
Hence I give to my son Benjamin Smith one Negro Girl named Phila —  
Hence I give to my daughter Mary Smith one negro girl named Elizet —  
Hence I give to my daughter Elizabeth Smith one negro girl named Margit —  
I give to my daughter Hannah Smith one negro girl named Rachel —  
The Remainder of my Estate that is not all Ready Hills Birth Rail and  
perashable I send to my wife During her Natural life and then the  
princalle and Increase thereof after her death to be an Equal  
Division to my son John Smith and William Russell being my Executon  
to this my last Will & Testimony hereby I sett my hand and fix my  
Seal this 14 day of February in the year of our Lord thousand and  
Severty four  
Wt. the words one hundred pounds in money John Smith *(Seal)*  
was passed out before signed  
Witnesses Present at the Signing

Sam'l Smith  
Elyz. <sup>an</sup> ~~an~~ Jasper  
Solomon Smith

Hyde Co June Year 1774 —  
This Will was Elighted in Court  
and proved by William Russell  
Test Geo Barron et al.

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In the Name of God Amen, the First day of December in the year  
of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty three I  
James Arthur of Hyde County in the Province of North Carolina  
Sick yet am in Perfect Health of Body and of a sound and perfect  
memory calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing  
that it is appointed for all men Once to die do make Execution  
ordinar thicke to be my Last Will and Testament Impresisio,  
that is to say and first of all Give and Bequeath my Soul into  
the hand of God that gave it and my Body to be Discretely  
Buried at the hands of my Executors here mentioned  
Without Doubting but to Receive the same again at the General  
Resurrection by the mighty power of God through Jesus  
Christ our Lord and to what world of Goods it has pleased God to  
Bless me with after my debts and Funeral charges contended  
and paid I give in manner and form Following —  
I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Arthur one piece  
of Land Lying on the West side of Rutnum Creek Beginning  
at a Gut and Branch known by the name of Madens Branch  
making out of the said Creek and a line of marshy Tree  
Running westward to the River containing one hundred acres  
of Land more or less to her and her heirs Lawfully Bequeath after  
Body with one Bed and her choice of two rigs one wheel one mill  
one ox and two hoes one pott looks one chiet one muck with all  
my cattle and hogs and one hand saw and Hatch my crop.  
I send to my son John Arthur one parcel of Land beginning at a  
Gut Call'd Back Landing Gut Running up Gut and March to the  
base Ground Swamp Running up to the mouth of the Savanne Branch  
up the said branch to the place where during his life being the west  
side of that line the Land Belonging to —  
I give and Bequeath to my son John Arthur two daughters and  
their heirs forever of their Body's Lawfully Bequeath all Land &  
I send to their father the west side of the said Branch to their  
Soneth Arthur, I send to my son Abraham Arthur one parcel  
of Land Beginning at the Middle Branch Running up the Branch  
to Rutnum line Running to the great Branch running up the said  
Branch to the Division line between my two sons enclosed  
more or less being the North Side of that  
line,

Item

I Give and Bequeath the same parcel of Land to Abraham Arthur daughter Ann Arthur and to the heirs of her Body  
Daiopul Be gotten of her Body forever;

Item

I Give and Bequeath the manner plantation with the Land  
Belonging to which have been before mentioned to my son  
Abraham Arthur and his heirs of his Body forever with the  
Rest of my Land that have been mentioned;

Item

I Give and Bequeath to James Arthur one Heirther bed

Item

I Give and Bequeath to my two sons Abraham Arthur, John Arthur my Iron tools to be Equally divided between them only  
what is already Divided and all the rest of my Estate and  
chattels to be Equally Divided between my three children  
Abraham Arthur & Mary Arthur & Abraham Salterswaite  
Innu whom I make cooperator and ordain to be my  
Executors of this my last will & testament & Revoking all  
other wills wills testaments or testaments but this only I publish  
Declar & Rassurance to be my last will & testament

Where with I set my hand first my Seal this day & date above  
above written,

Thomas <sup>his</sup> Adams

James <sup>his</sup> son Arthur <sup>(Seal)</sup>

Sarah <sup>her</sup> Equals  
Elizabeth King

This Will was proved at June Court 1777  
Trot Gt Barnewell.

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B. D. Harris c.c.

North Carolina, } In the Name of God Amen  
Hyle County }

I Caleb Forman of the Province and County aforesaid,  
Planter Being now in Bodily But of sound mind and  
Memory blessed be to God for and considering the uncertainty of this  
Transitory life Make publick and declare this to be my Last Will and  
Testament in manner and forme following that is to say,

(In primis)

I Give to my well beloved wife Abigail Forman one third of my part  
of my Estate according to Law, further I give and Bequeath unto my  
Beloved Wife Abigail my Home Plantation with all the  
priviledges there of there or and there unto Belonging During  
her Widishood and then, I Give & Bequeath to my eldest Son  
Frederick the home plantation containing one hundred acres,  
I say him and his heirs and assigns for ever, I Give and Bequeath to  
my son Frederick one Negro Boy called Sam and fifty acres  
of Land Back to him and his assigns & I Give and  
Bequeath to my son Thomas one hundred acres of Land  
Joining the home land and fifty acres Back to him his heirs and  
assigns for ever & thid one Negro Boy called Jacob I Give  
and Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth one Negro girl called  
Rose. I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mary one Negro girl called Bet  
I Give and Bequeath to my daughter Edna one Negro girl called Lucy  
I Give and Bequeath to my daughter Hamutal one Negro girl called Hulie  
I Give and Bequeath to Daughter Rebahah one Negro Girl called Judy  
and if my loving wife Should be With child the Property of Judy to  
be Divided Between Rebahah and the youngest child if there  
Should be one.

I Give and Bequeath to Loving wife Abigail Forman fifty acres  
of Back Land now father I Give and Bequeath unto the above  
mentioned children Elizabeth, Frederick, Mary, Edna, Thomas  
and Rebahah three hundred and fifty acres of Land  
known by the name of town tract which is my will to be  
Equally Divided among st them, I Give and Bequeath to my  
Loving wife all my Household Furniture Likewise my horses, hogs  
and cattle during her natural life for her support and Raising  
and Educating of my youngest children &

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