

The Last Will and Testament of Old John Smith In the Name of God Amen
First Recommend my soul to God that give it me and my Body to be Buried
in a Christian like manner

Item I Give to my Wife Sarah Smith one negro wench named Sabbine one
negro wench named Martha and one negro man named Allen
Item I Give to my Son John Smith my Plantation I need Drack on to
the first Gut Above the Bridge and then a South corner ten East to
the Back Line

Item I Give to my Son Benjamin Smith the Remainder of my Tract
of Land upon Smiths Creek

Item I Give to my Daughter Sidergy Smith one negro girl named Luce

Item I Give to my Daughter Sarah Smith one negro named Indah

Item I Give to my Son John Smith one negro girl named Eliza

Item I Give to my Son Benjamin Smith one negro girl named Phillis

Item I Give to my Daughter Mary Smith one negro girl named Villid

Item I Give to my Daughter Elizabeth Smith one negro girl named Margit

Item I Give to my Daughter Hannah Smith one negro girl named Rachel

The Remainder of my Estate that is not all Ready Will & Both Rail and
perashable I send to my Wife During her Natural Life and then the
pinckle and Increase there of after her Death to be an Equal
Division to my Son John Smith and William Russell be my Executors
to this my last Will & Witness here by I set my hand and fix my
Seal this 14 Day of February one thousand seven hundred and
seventy four

Wt. the words one hundred families money John Smith (Seal)

was passed out before signed

Witness Present at the Signing

Saml Smith
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nick

Solomon Smith

Hyde 6th June Year 1774 -
This Will was Exhibited in Court
and proved by William Russell
Test Geo Barrard Clk.

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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 seventy three I
James Arthur of Hyde County in the Province of North Carolina
Savoyar 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 Conson
ordain this to be my last Will and Testament I give and
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 Discreetly
Buried at the hands of my Executors here mentioned
nothing doubting but to Receive the same again at the General
Promerction by the mighty power power of God through Jesus
Christ our Lord and to what worldly goods it has pleased God to
Bless me with after my Debts and Funeral charges contented
and paid I give in manner and form Following

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Arthur one piece
of Land Lying on the West side of Rutmans Creek Beginning
at a Gut and Branch known by the name of Graders Branch
making out of the said Creek and alive of marked Tree
Running westerward to the River containing one hundred acres
of Land more or less to Me and her heirs Lawfully Begotten of her
Body with one Bed and her choice of two negro one wheel one mill
one ox and two hoes one post hooks one chest one trunk with all
my cattle and hogs and one hand saw and with 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
rose ground Swamp Running up the mouth of the Savanne Branch
up the said branch to the place now during his life being the west
side of that Line the Land Belonging to

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Son John Arthur two Daughters and
their heirs forever of their Body's Lawfully Begotten all Land I
I send to their father the west side of the Lake of Bigal Arthur and
Arweneth Arthur I send to my Son Abraham Arthur one parcel
of Land Beginning at the Midel Branch Running up the Branch
to Rutman's Line Running to the great Branch running up the said
course of Land more or less being the North side of that
Line