

# In the name of God Amen

Whereas I, of the county of Jedrell in the state of North-  
Carolina, being in poor state of health but desiring to do something  
for our common weal & good memory, do call to mind that  
it is appointed to all men once to die & therefore first I recommend  
my soul into the hands of almighty God who goes  
at my last to be eternally loved and cherished in manner  
the direction of my Executors & I make choice of my beloved  
Wife Mary Smith & my father Jas. Smith who are Sec<sup>y</sup> of this my last  
will & testament & as to my worldly goods which I have and  
possessed I do bequeath to me & bequeath as follows.

I have given & bequeath to my children namely, George  
Wm. Smith, & if my Wife becom another child to me that is  
to have or acquire then with the others above named, being  
debt to be paid of the rest of my goods & the remaining estate  
paying the debts I bequeath to my father wife during her  
lifetime and the end of which it is to be equally divided  
between her & the children.

This I do give in my last testament for nothing whereby I have  
hereunto set my hand & Seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1863.

Signed in presence of

Jesse Peterson      Jordan & Smith      (Seal)  
"      "      "      "      "  
Wm. Harris      David Smith      "      "      "