

Will of Benjamin Smith

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Smith being in perfect health with a sound memory and mind do adain this to be my last will and testament ~~making~~ all others

Item I do lend to my beloved wife Martha Smith during her widowhood or life the plantation whereon I now live containing two hundred acres one negro woman by the name of Pompey one negro named George one negro girl named Tilda one feather bed and furniture one chest one table half dozen chairs ~~and~~ three cows & calves four sow and pigs eight head of sheep one horse saddle and bridle two pots one dutch oven one dozen earthen plates one case of knives and forks one frying pan one pair of cart wheels & body & yoke of oxen.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Judith Watkes one negro woman named Cady

Item I do give to my well beloved daughter Elizabeth Hawkins her money one dollar in money

Item I do give to my beloved son Abner Smith one dollar in money

Item I do give to my well beloved daughter Christian Busbee one dollar in money

Item I do give to my well beloved daughter Lucy Butt one negro girl named Hercules induring of her life and after her death to her heirs of her body if any if not to be returned back to her five youngest brothers and sisters for the said negro she and her increase to be divided among them and fifty dollar in money

Item I do give to my well beloved daughter Martha Smith one feather bed & furniture one saddle and bridle

Item I do give to my well beloved son Benjamin Hawkins Smith the plantation beginning on the river at the mouth of my mill creek thence down the river to Farners old line then along Farners line south to acorners pine thence north along said line to a meadow and with to acorners pine from that pine north to Mullett creek thence down the — to the river one horse saddle and bridle one feather bed & furniture.

Item I do give my well beloved daughter Eliza Smith saddle and bridle one feather bed and furniture

Item I do give to my well beloved son Joseph Mozley Smith the land and plantation formerly called Brutus Smiths and all the balance of my old tract lying above the

mouth of my mill creek one feather bed and furniture one horse saddle & bridle and one set of blacksmith tools I do give my well beloved son William Jordan Smith the tract of land whereon I now live one hundred sixty nine acres for him to take possession of when he comes of age and the other at his mothers decease one horse bridle and saddle one feather bed and furniture.

Item I give to my five children viz Martha Smith Benjamin H. Smith Eliza Smith and Joseph Mozley Smith & William J. Smith all my negros that I have not already willed away that is to say Peter, Big Benny, Mariah, Maynard, Moses, little Cady, Cain, Luvena, Abel, David and Mary and after the death or marriage of my wife the negros and property that I give my wife is to be divided between my five half children to wit Martha Smith, Benjamin Hawkins Smith, Eliza Smith, Joseph Mozley Smith & William Jordan Smith the said negros to be divided when Martha Smith eques of age she and Eliza have one negro more than there my three sons Benjamin H. Smith, Joseph M. Smith and William J. Smith, then I give my beloved son Benjamin H. Smith my still and all the rest of my property that is not willed away to be sold and my just debts paid and my three sons to have three years schooling out of the money arising from the property sold, and if there be any left to be equal divided among all my children October the 27 day 1827.

Signed in the presence of us

William Penny
Merritt Fessell
Redden Pauls

State of North Carolina } May Term 1832
Johnston County } Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court and ordered to be recorded.

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