

Will of Edmund Smith

In the Name of God Amen - Twenty Third Day of February in the year of our Lord 1760 - I Edmund Smith in the County of Johnston Planter being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thank be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament and desire it may be taken by all as such, and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God, that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the direction of my executor nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life. I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. Imprimis I give and bequeath eldest son Ezekiel Smith his heirs and assigns forever one parcel of land containing thirty acres it being the upper part of the land lying in the tract of the River together with the Plantation formerly belonged to Thomas Bullard

Item I desire that Thomas Bullard and his present wife may have their life times each on the said Plantation

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Smith the lower part of the afore mentioned Tract of Land containing thirty acres to him and his heirs and assigns forever together with the Plantation whereon I now live. I also desire that the division of this tract of land may begin at the old mast & sower wood corner tree between Wadsworth and Bullard and out by Bennets old field so as to the outside line on the Duck Pond

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Smith a parcel of land containing One hundred acres lying on the south side of Little River to be and to remain to him his heirs and assigns forever

Item I give unto my daughter Deborah Smith her heirs and assigns forever One Hundred acres of land lying on the south side of this River

Item I give to my beloved wife Mary all the remainder of my Estate after the payment of my debts Whom I constitute and make executor together with Thomas Bullard sole Executors of this my last will and Testament and I do here by declare that the said

And all other former Testaments and wills and Legacies bequeath and Executors by me in any ways before this time named. Ratifying this and no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness wherefore I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed published pronounced by the said Edmund Smith as his last will and Testament, In the presence of us the subscribers
William ^{by} Smith
Edmund ^{by} Smith (Seal)

Ann Pearce

Anna Rains

Kenny Rains

North Carolina
Johnston County

October Court 1760

Present his May Justices

There was the within will proved in open Court by the oath of Kenny Rains a subscribing Evidence and ordered to be Registered when Mary his widow and Thos Bullard appeared and qualified as Executors &c