

Will of John Smith Jr

In the name of God I John Smith Jr of Johnston County being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this the 29th day of May in the year of our Lord 1803 make & publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say

First-

I bequeath my soul to God who gave it also my will is that my body be decently buried at the discretion of my friends and that all my just debts be paid.

Then

I leave to my dear and well beloved wife Patience Smith all my lands and stock of all kind and also all my household and kitchen furniture and all my plantation working tools & tools of all other kind during her natural life or widowhood and then to be equally divided between all my children herein mentioned that is Joshua Smith, James Smith Samuel Smith, Lewis Smith and Jane Smith, Abigail Allen, Elizabeth Sims Edith Strickland & Izabel Strickland to them and their heirs forever or their lawful representatives thereof.

And I do hereby make and ordain my well beloved son James Smith executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said John Smith have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written signed sealed published and declared by the said John Smith the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof.

Witness
William Bryan
Asa Bryan

John ^{mark} Smith Seal

Johnston County November Term 1813
Then was the above will exhibited in open court for probate which was duly proven & admitted to record

R. Sanders clk

Will of Jacob Stevens

In the name of God Amen I Jacob Stevens of Johnston County and the State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same and calling to mind that it is once appointed for all men to die and that knowing when I must depart this life do make and ordain this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in following to wit; that is to say

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Patience Stevens two tracts of land containing thirty five hundred acres more or less one tract including the land and plantation whereon I now live the other tract including land and plantation that I bought of Thomas Rice on both sides of Buffalo Swamp during her natural life time and after her death the land and plantation whereon I now live containing twelve hundred acres more or less—

I give to my son Jacob Stevens to him and his heirs forever, and the land and plantation that I bought of Thomas Rice on Buffalo Swamp I divide between my two daughters Joanna and Nanda Stevens as follows after the death of my wife, I give to my daughter Joanna Stevens seven hundred acres of that land on the north side of said swamp beginning at a forked maple Hollomans corner on the swamp and running and east course to the back line including the upper part joining the road to her and her heirs forever And after the death of my wife I give to my daughter Nanda the balance of the said tract of land containing sixteen hundred acres more or less to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my wife Patience Stevens seven negroes to wit Tom, Bob, Little Dick, Nedham, Lizz, Mary and Abba during her life time and after her death I give to my son Jacob A. Stevens two of said negroes Tom and Little Dick to him and his heirs forever Also after my wifes death I give to my daughter Rachel Lockhart three of said negroes to wit Bob, Lizz and Mary to her and her heirs forever Also after my wifes death I give to my daughter Nanda Stevens two of said negroes to wit Nedham and Abba to her and her heirs forever.

I also give to my wife Patience Stevens seven head of horses and all my stock of cattle hogs and sheep and all my crop of every description with all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind with all my working tools

and plantation utensils and carts of every kind and sort of during her lifetime and after her death I give to my three children to wit Jacob A. Stevens, Joanna Stevens and Manda Stevens out of said property two further beds and furniture four cows and calves and eight head of sheep each and to Joanna and Manda two sows and pigs each the remainder after her death to be applied to making up the boot that may be in the difference legacies left to my children if any except Polly if not to be equally divided among my said children to wit Everett, Rachel Jacob, Joanna, Henry and Manda, to them and their heirs forever I give and bequeath to my son Everett Stevens seven hundred acres of land more or less on the south side of New River including the land and plantation whereon he now lives and the Bradley place also six negroes to wit Solomon Sharkey, Mountonville, Lot, Barney and Nedham Younger to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachel Lockhart sixteen hundred acres of land more or less on the north side of Little River including the land and plantation whereon she now lives also four negroes to wit Daniel Winney Sam and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Henry M. Stevens twelve hundred acres of land more or less on both sides of Little River including the mill and land whereon he now lives also nine negroes to wit Jerry David Abba Yellow Sam, Louiza, Wuffin Anderson Willy and Appy to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Jacob A. Stevens six negroes to wit Daniel Sr, Big Dick, Frank, Phillis, Candis and Easter to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Joanna Stevens three hundred ^{and thirty} acres of land more or less lying on the north side of New River including the Bar Hoosbo also seven negroes to wit Samuel, Jack, Merrit, Dzey, Jane, Peggy and Lewis also one black horse personna to her and her heirs forever I give and bequeath to my daughter Manda Stevens four negroes to wit, Rose, Willy, Rodford and Hardy also one bay horse by the name of Tom to her and her heirs forever provided she assigns a good and lawful title of her part of all the land and negroes except Nedham and Rose left to me and my wife by her grand father Everett Peace during our lifetime and then to our children to Everett P. Stevens Rachel Lockhart Henry M. Stevens and Joanna Stevens

when she arrives at the age of twenty one years of age and if she refuses to make a good title to said land, and negroes as aforesaid my will and desire is that they ^{shall} have as much of the lands and negroes which I have willed to her in this will to make up the deficiency good for her failing to do so.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Ferrell one hundred dollars to be paid by the sale of my other children yearly two dollars each a year which will make twelve dollars a year to her and her heirs forever.

My will and desire further is that all my property of every description that I am possessed off stay in the possession of my wife untill she can raise money and pay a certain debt that I owe to Thomas Rice for land to the amount of one thousand dollars my will and desire further is that my son Jacob A. Stevens stay with her and help her attend to her business until said debt can be paid and I the said Jacob Stevens do constitute and appoint my friend Josiah Shoulders my executor to this my last will and testament and do further pronounce this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament and disannull and revoke all other wills by me made heretofore and in testimony of the same I the said Jacob Stevens have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd of December in the year of our Lord 1829

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of us witnesses
Andrew Bass
Samuel ^{pink} Batton
William ^{white} Stevens

Jacob Stevens (Seal)

State of North Carolina

Johnston County } May Term 1830

Then was the above will exhibited in open court for probate which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded
D. Sanders Clk