

Will of Justice Parish

In the name of God Amen I Justice Parish of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of perfect and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

First I request all my just debts to be paid

2nd I give to my wife Vasilla Parish three hundred and eighty acres of land including the plantation and improvements which I now live during her natural life and after her death to my daughter Parizada Parish to her and her heirs forever.

3rd I give to my sons Grant Parish, John Parish, Isom Parish, Asely Parish, David Parish, Peter Parish, James Parish, William Parish and Justice Parish to each one hundred acres of land, a piece to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

4th I give to my daughters Nancy Fleming Sarah Swanson Betty Cook, Patey Parish Kitty Parish and Patsack Parish five shillings apiece.

5th And all the residue of my property after my just debts are paid I give to my wife Vasilla Parish to her and her heirs forever. I nominate and appoint my brother George Parish executor to this my last will and testaments in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 5th day of July 1808. Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of
Co. Smith Justice ^{mark} Parish Seal
D. Hunter

Johnston County August term 1808
Then was the above will exhibited in open court which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded
R. Sanders C.J.C.

Will of Jesse Brown

In the name of God Amen I Jesse Brown of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being very sick and in situation of health but in perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the last 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 with in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form first I give and bequeath to Nancy my beloved all my lands I now possess and one mare named Bels one bed and furniture and the kitchen furniture during her life then for my son Stephen Brown to have all the land which I have abovesaid willed to my beloved wife Nancy and all the kitchen furniture bed and the abovesaid mare to belong to my son Stephen Brown after her death also I give to my beloved wife Nancy all my stock of cattle hogs &c which is not otherwise disposed of land after her death the same or any part of the same she may leave behind to belong to my son Stephen being the only abnd all the son I have also I give unto my son in law James Benton five shillings also I give unto my son in law John Smith five shillings, also I give to my son in law David Scars five shillings, also I give to Linchen Price my son in law five shillings, also I give to my son in law Thomas Wiggs five shillings, also I give to my son in law Denny Wilson five shillings, also I give to my son in law John Frost five shillings, also I give to my son in law Wiflis Helms five shillings, also I give to my daughter Louicy Brown one school mare named Picture and one cow and calf and one heifer and one bed and furniture this I make and ordain my last will and testament for each and every one to enjoy the abovesaid willed property and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and other former testimony, willed and bequeathed attesting and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testimony in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

this twenty third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six signed sealed published pronounced and declared by said Jesse Brown as his last will and testimony in the presence of us who is in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereto subscribed our names.

James Frost
Reading & Brile

Johnston County August Term 1808

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R. Sanders C.R.

Will of Sam Smith Jr

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Smith Jr of the Co of Johnston & State of N. Carolina being of sound mind & disposing memory do make publish and declare this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in manner & form following. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 6th day of March A.D. 1807. Signed in the presence of

- Item I give to my son Samuel Smith all of the lands I own on the north side of Neuse River which lies above or on the west side of the great branch to him & his heirs forever.
- Item I give to my sons John McKinnis & Lusk Smith all the lands I own on the south side of Neuse River to be equally divided between them two them and their heirs forever.
- Item I give to my son Alvan Smith the lands and plantation adjoining whereon I now live except as before excepted to him and his heirs forever reserving to my wife Zilpha Smith the use of the plantation and improvements during her natural life. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 6th day of March A.D. 1807. Signed in the presence of

E. Smith

Henry Jones

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R. Sanders. clk

Will of Nathan Smith

In the name of God Amen I Nathan Smith of the State of North Carolina Johnston County being in a low state of health although of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same calling unto mind the mutability of any body and knowing that it is appointed all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the last 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 with in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, I will and request that all my just debts be paid before any estate be distributed.

- Item I give unto my heirs six pounds current money to be equally divided among them.
- Item I lend to Dice Hawley four hundred and sixty seven acres of land with all the improvements thereon. I also lend to said Dice Hawley all of my stock of horses, cattle hogs and sheep with all any household and kitchen furniture with all species of property that I am possessed with be it of what name or nature it may be during her natural life and then to be the property of her daughter Patience Hawley to her and her heirs forever and I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Hardy Williamson and Dice Hawley executors to this my last will and testament satisfying and confirming the same under my hand and seal this the sixth day of November 1808 Signed sealed published and declared by the said Nathan Smith the said testator in the presence of us

Barthley Deans

Heathen Parker

Geo Williamson

Nathan Smith

Johnston County February Term 1809

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