

Will of William Smith

In the name of God Amen I William Smith of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina enjoying a reasonable portion of health and of sound mind and ^{reasoning} ~~intending~~ thanks be God for his mercies and calling to mind that it is appointed once for all men to die and not knowing the time of my departure do make and adain this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit that is to say, first I recommend myself to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a christian like manner at the discretion of my executors and as to this worlds goods the Lord has been pleased to bless me with I dispose of them in manner and form following (to wit)

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Vopchunch Smith my lands and tenants that I am possessed with all my stock of horses, mules, cattle, hogs and sheep, all of my crop of every description all of my household and kitchen furniture plantation utensils cart & wheels and tools of every (description) kind to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved grand daughter Theng Vopchunch Smith all of my moneys and notes that I am possessed of, and eighteen negroes (to wit) Dean, Phillis, Grace, Patay, Ned, Anthony, Lettie, Ruth, Tyket, Nimmy, Gans, Hawkins, Right, Hoaz, Sidney, Ellen, Dyon & Gary and their increase to her and her heirs forever.

My will and desire farther is that the money and notes that I give to my said granddaughter Theng Vopchunch Smith should be kept at interest by her guardian untill she arrives at the age of twenty one years and that she should be educated to read, write and cipher well, My will and desire further is that the negroes that I give to my said granddaughter Theng V. Smith should be hired out yearly by her guardian untill she arrives at the age of twenty one years and then her guardian be allowed the liberty to permit my son Vopchunch Smith to hire Anthony at one third of what he hired for yearly untill my said granddaughter arrives of age and I do hereby constitute & appoint my friend Josiah Shoulders my executor to execute this my last will and testament revoking all other wills or instruments of writing in the form of wills made by me heretofore and I hereby acknowledge pronounce and declare this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in testimony whereof I the said William Smith have hereunto set my hand and seal the 16th day of April 1850

William Smith Seal

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us witnesses
Elias Barnes
William S. Ballenger

Johnston County Court-

February Term 1851

Then was this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of Wm S. Ballenger & Elias Barnes the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Thomas Bagley clk
by H. J. Bell assistant