

Will of Zilphia Smith

In the name of God Amen I Zilphia Smith of the County of Johnston in the State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but of perfect sound mind and memory and knowing that it is once appointed for persons to die do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following (to wit, it is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be discharged as soon as possible by my executors herein after mentioned

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved brother Edmund Blackman and his heirs forever eight negroes known by the names of old Braddock, Olney, Olive, Simon, Young Braddock, Franklin and Harvies and their increase and one other negro boy child named Loyd, together with one bay horse named Foxhunter together with one bay filly named Wozine together with five cows and calves together with eight ewes and lambs together with one good platter bed, bedstead and a sufficiency of good furniture to the same belonging.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Samuel and his heirs forever one negro boy named Isaac after the decease of his uncle Edmund Blackman.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Larkin and his heirs forever two feather beds bedsteads and a sufficiency of furniture to the same belonging to be his immediately after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Zilphia and her heirs forever two feather beds and beds and a sufficiency of furniture to the same belonging to belong to her immediately after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Julia and her heirs forever two feather bed, bedsteads and a sufficiency of furniture to the same belonging to belong to her immediately after my decease.

Item I lend to my well beloved Edmund Blackman aforesaid during the term of his natural life, and no longer seven negroes known and distinguished by the name of old Hannah, Isaac, Gilbert, Quincy, Pilbey, young Hayner and Yantoomer and all the remaining part of my horse kind

cattle, sheep, hogs and all and every of my property which is not given off in legacies in this will of every species and description both in doors and out of doors which I may be possessed with at my decease,

Item I give to my well beloved sons John McKinnis & Larkin and their heirs forever immediately after the decease of their uncle Edmund Blackman one half of the property of every description which I lent to him during his life share and share alike equally except negro Isaac.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved sons Samuel and Abner and my two daughters Zilphia and Julia and their heirs forever immediately after the decease of their uncle Edmund Blackman the other half of all the property which I lent him during his natural life of every description negro Isaac, excepted as aforesaid to be equally divided amongst them share and share alike respectfully. But if either or any of my above mentioned children should die without having lawful heirs begotten of their body then and in that case his or their distributive share or shares to belong to their surviving brother and sisters of the whole blood, and no part or interest of their share or shares to belong to their brothers or sisters of the half blood.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my son Samuel G. Smith and my brother Edmund Blackman executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking disannulling and making void all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I the said Zilphia Smith have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen. Signed, sealed and declared by the testator in her lifetime to be her last will and testament.

In presence of
Joab Blackman
Robt Gully Jr

Zilphia Smith (Seal)

Johnston County, August Term 1813

Then was the above will exhibited in open court for probate which was duly proven and admitted to record
Ed. Sanders Clk

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