

two sons & two daughters namely Robert Times Smith, Sarah
Blake Smith, Rebecca Armstrong Smith, John Santhorn Smith
all my estate real & personal, and it is my will that my estate
should be kept together until the said Robert Times Smith
arrives to Twenty one years of age and then equally divided
there & there alike with the said four children to them and
their heirs and the mother of those said children the widow
Mary Smith of Mecklenburg County & State of N. Carolina
to have a good Maintenance & Attendance off the said estate, for
during life & that said children to be raised well & given good
learning if any or either of them should die without an heir
in marriage then their Legacy to return to their own brother
& sisters & the profits that should arise from this estate while
kept together as yearly incomes to be paid out to the use & benefit
of the said children - - And I do hereby nominate and
appoint William Pettus, William Jackson, William H Smith
Thomas B Smith Executors to this my last will & Testament
as witnesses my This 31st day of October 1808 -

Signed in the presence of us

Jesse Cather }
Jason Mann }

Edw Christy (Seal)

99 In the name of God Amen. I Nicholas Kress of the County of
Mecklenburg & State of N. Carolina being very sick & weak of
body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given to God, calling
to mind the mortality of my body, do make & ordain this my last
will & Testament in manner following: I recommend my
soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my
body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent burial
ground at the discretion of my Executors, and as touching my
lawfully Estate whereunto it has pleased God to bless me with
in this life I give Devise & dispose of the same in the follow-
ing manner & form -

First I Give & bequeath to Catherine Kress
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an third part of all my moveable estate together with the best horse
on my plantation & my Saddle & bridle also the two best cows
on my plantation & my Table two pewter dishes & six pewter plates &
six spoons & my Bed, bedstead & furniture & the best room in my
house as long as she keeps my name, and her spinning wheel &
Reel & the best place in the garden & one Negro or Twelve thousand
pounds lawful Money which is due to me from Absalom Baker
& my children & the Stone to keep in the House & the Still & vessels
to be kept as long as she keeps my name -

And also I give to my beloved son Philip Kress one Tract of Land
Deeds containing one hundred & seventy acres more or less with
the improvements he has made there so joining & between Deeds
Speaks & Philip Wolfe's land & my son Philip is to give fifteen or
Twenty acres of his said Land from said Wolfe's corner to Speaks line
straight line & my son Philip is to give my youngest son Jacob -
fifty pounds in Gold or Silver at the time that Jacob comes of age
clear of Interest till that time & also I give to my son Philip
one bay horse Saddle & bridle & Rifle gun that he now owns
also one aa & Mattack Mand rings & wedges and he is to give said
fifteen or Twenty acres of Land to Tobias

And also I give & bequeath to my beloved son Tobias the plantation
whereon I now dwell & Tobias is to give Philip Twenty five acres
of Land it being part of an entry & Tobias is to give him a deed
out of his deed lying on this west side of Buffalo Creek joining
Speaks line, and also my son Tobias is to give his mother every
year fifteen bushels of wheat & to sow one Quarter of an acre
of flax where ever she chooses it on said plantation, & my
son Tobias is to maintain his mother as long as she remains
a widow & to pay one hundred pounds lawful money of this
State fifty of which to Henry in Gold or Silver when he
comes of age clear of Interest till that time & the other fifty
pounds he is to pay to my Daughter Catharine in Gold or
Silver five years after my death & the interest till that
time to be paid to my Daughter Catharine & the Still & Vessels

former Lawful Money which is due to me from Absalom Baker
& my children & the Store to keep in the House & the Still & vessels
to be kept as long as she keeps my name -

And also I give to my beloved son Philip Kress one Tract of Land
Deeds containing one hundred & seven by Acres more or less with
the improvements he has made there on joining & between Deeds
Speaks & Philip Wolffs Land & my son Philip is to give / fifteen or
Twenty acres of his said Land from said Wolffs corner to Speaks line
straight line & my son Philip is to give my younger son Jacob -
fifty pounds in Gold or Silver at the time that Jacob comes of age
clear of Interest till that time & also I give to my son Philip
one bay horse saddle & bridle & Rifle gun that he now claims
also one aa & Mattack Maul rings & wedges and he is to give said
fifteen or Twenty acres of Land to Tobias

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whereon I now dwell & Tobias is to give Philip Twenty five acres
of Land it being part of an entry & Tobias is to give him a deed
out of his deed lying on this west side of Buffalo Creek joining
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of flax where ever she chooses it on said plantation, & my
son Tobias is to maintain his mother as long as she remains
a widow & to pay one hundred pounds Lawful money of this
State yearly of which to Henry in Gold or Silver when he
comes of age clear of Interest till that time & the other fifty
pounds he is to pay to my daughter be given in Gold or
Silver five years after my decease clear of Interest till that
time, and also I give to my son Tobias my Still & Vessels
after his mothers decease or after her name, and Tobias is to
give his mother one hundred weight of Pork & fifty weight of
Beef every year as long as she keeps my name -
And I also give & bequeath to my son Henry all my tools belong-
ing to my trade if he chooses to learn the trade, but if he chooses

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to learn the Smith trade my Tools shall be divided amongst
all my Sons & Henry shall have one Entry of Land containing
one hundred acres joining & bordering Christian Christensons
& my own Deeds Land & Adam Meyers Land, And also I give to
my son Tobias one Bay horse that he now claims & also I give
Tobias my Wagon & Hears - also I give to my son Henry & my
son Jacob each a horse to be furnished to them by Tobias when
they come of age which said Horse is to be valued to fifteen pounds -
each sumful money & Tobias is to have one Sord Horse that is now
on my plantation & one box & one Mattock Mawl rings & wedges
& my Crofs cut saw & so for the use of all my Sons & also I give
to my two Sons Henry & Jacob an box & Mattock Mawl rings &
wedges & also my Log chain amongst all my Sons -
also I give to my beloved Daughters Catherine, Elizabeth, & Rosanna
& Holly & Margaret, & which I have bought each of them a spinning
wheel and a pattern bed & furniture thereunto, and all the rest
of my Estate I give to my two youngest Sons Henry & Jacob
and all my Daughters, to be equally divided amongst them
And I do likewise constitute & appoint make and ordain
Jacob Misenheimer & Joseph Shinn the sole Executors of this
my last Will & Testament. And I do authorize & empower
these my Executors to make Deeds to the Lands as before
mentioned to my Sons and I do hereby utterly disallow &
revoke all former Testaments Wills Legacies & Executors
Relieving & confirming this & no other to be my last Will &
Testament I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& seal this 17th day of October 1789.

Signed sealed published pronounced & declared
by the said Nicholas Krieff as his last Will and
Testament in the presence of us
Matthew Mintz of law

Nicholas Krieff

John Long

Jacob Melcher