

435 Wm. Smith's Will

In the Name of God I, William Drake of the County of Moore being in my body weak but of sound mind and memory just and testifying that all men must die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following - First I will that all my just debts be paid - Item. Land that the tract of Land lying on both sides of Little Pungo containing one hundred acres be sold by my Executors when they may think fit to do so and the Money laid out by them in supporting my children - Item. I give unto my wife Martha Drake the whole of the remainder of my property of every denomination or kind during her widowhood or life for the purpose of raising my children from any charge - Then at her death or marriage to be equally divided between my children and her self and I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Martha Drake and my brother John Executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal my seal this 5th of August 1824

Signed sealed and acknowledged

in the presence of us
Wm. Tread
Gideon & Durkin

Wm. Drake

Moore County Court May Term 1825

The above will was duly proven in open court by the oath of William Tread a subscribing witness and ordered to be recorded - Martha Drake one of the executors therein named duly qualified.

Corn Drowd

William Smith's Will

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In the Name of God I, William Smith of the County of Moore in the State of North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind blessed be God, do this 17th day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty four make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following, viz.

First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Anna Smith all my personal property consisting of one Horse two Cows cattle tools Farming tools & all other utensils belonging to me & my Household furniture therewith my tent and two Lots of Land containing two hundred and twenty five acres of Land I give and bequeath unto Anna Smith my wife during her life time and after her decease I will Regard that my Lands with what remains of my personal property be equally divided among my children in peace and quietness, viz., William Nathan and David Smith and Farming George Sandiferry and Anna Eagle and David Bush and son that if the legatees can agree in the Division it shall be sold to the highest bidder & the Money arising from the sale to be equally divided among my children after the decease of my wife Anna Smith & and I hereby appoint and choose my friends Philip & Will Eason of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said William Smith have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed sealed published and witness his
Dated by the said Wm. Smith (seal) William Smith (seal)
the testator in the presence of
us who are present at the time
of signing & sealing thereof

Moore County Court July Term 1826.

The will of which the above is a true copy was duly proven in open court by the oath of Simon White a subscribing witness and ordered to be recorded and Philip Eason the Executor herein named duly qualified according to law -

Corn Drowd