

Flood Smith's Will

In the name of God Amen I Flood Smith of Northampton County in the State of North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind & memory blessed be God therefore, do this 13th day of March in the year four Lord 1789, make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to my first Son and Legitimate male my Daughter Martha Boykin One hundred Acres of Land in the same now or late bounded as followeth beginning at a White Oak in the head of the meadow running the course of Warts mill path to a certain light wood stump then a long way due to the swamp then up the swamp to the meadow, then up the meadow to the first Station to her and her heirs forever.

Item I Give unto my Son Littleberry Smith and to my Son Josiah Smith the one of my Mills and Mills to grind each of their own grain sold free and to still each of them own Squires the place to them and their heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son Millican Smith the plantation whereon now live and all the lands adjoining to the said plantation on the South of the mill swamp, and my Mills and fields and places adjoining the mill on the north side of the mill swamp and two hundred Acres of land part of my last Survey bounded by Lawrence Smith line Warren Warts line Long old line to him and his heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Littleberry Smith all the Lands I bought of Henry Jordan and one half of my land lying on the North side of Potterasi bounded by Warren Warts line Charles Greggys line, and running to Potterasi the lower part of said land I give unto him two Negroes by the name of Sarah & Henry two Sons & Wiggs two Sons & Charles two young Cattle One bed of Furniture, and the Ware I had of Cook Crocker, twelve barrels of Flour to him and his heirs forever.

Item I Give & bequeath unto my Son Josiah Smith the plantation and all the Land that I bought of Mark McCall and the upper part of my Land lying adjoining Potterasi on the North side for Potterasi. Two hundred Acres known by the name of Frank Wares two Sons & Wiggs two Sons & Wiggs two young Cattle One bed of Furniture twelve barrels of Flour to him & his heirs forever.

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Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Smith all the Land that I bought of Robert Boykin and Henry Gables lying adjoining the said two Negroes known by the name of Simon & Henry two Sons & Wiggs two Sons & Wiggs my little Parcel of Land and bed of Furniture twelve barrels of Flour One side saddle to her & her heirs forever lawfully begotten on her body forever.

Item I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Faison One Negro known by the name of Amy my looking glass and the place where that she hath now in her Possession to her and her heirs forever.

Item I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Polly Lewis Smith two Negroes known by the name of Harvey & Henry two Sons & Wiggs two Sons & Wiggs one small Cattle One bed of Furniture being all the bed the on and my Chest, twelve barrels of Flour two young Cattle One glass what I have to her & her heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Boykin One Negro known by the name of Celia to her and her heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Millican Smith One Negro known by the name of Kit or Christian that he pay thirty pounds Virginia money in my estate to him & his heirs forever And my desire is that all my land on the South side of Potterasi swamp should be sold at the expiration of the time that I have leased the said lands to Benjamin Gonyer, and the money equally divided between my two Grand Children Joseph Wags & Betty Smith Wags to them and their heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Grand Son Abner Wags One Negro known by the name of Rhetta to him & his heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Martha Boykin fifty pounds Virginia money to be raised out of my estate to her and her heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Millican Smith my Wife to him and his heirs forever, and my desire is that the remainder part of my Estate should be sold and equally divided among my Children hereafter named Sarah Faison, Martha Boykin, Nancy Smith, Littleberry Smith, Josiah Smith, & Polly Smith to them & their heirs forever.

And

And I shewly make and ordain my worthy friends Lawrence Smith and my son William Smith & Littleberry Smith Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said David Smith have to this my last Will & Testament set my Hand and Seal the day and year above written

Signed Sealed Published & declared by the said David Smith the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing Reading thereof.

Elizabeth Smith
Polly Smith
Sam Smith.

Northampton County Jt.
September Court 1789
Then this Will of David Smith do

was exhibited in Court and duly proved by the oath of Elizabeth Smith & Polly Smith & ordered to be testified and Recorded. Whereupon William Smith one of the Executors therein named was duly qualified.

Witness E. Haynes St.

Nathan Englishs Will

In the name of God Amen I Nathan English of County of Northampton in the State of North Carolina do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in following manner & form that is to say

I Give and bequeth unto my daughter Catherine ten shillings Virginia money
I Give and bequeth unto my daughter Rebecca ten shillings Virginia money
I Give and bequeth unto my wife Sarah English all my Goods and Chattels that I possess in deoth and out deoth to her own proper use forever
I do make and Ordain my wife Sarah English my Executor and John Johnson my Executor to this my last Will and Testament
Given under my Hand & Seal this 18th day of November 1797

Signed Sealed In the presence of us John Johnson
Catherine English
mark

Northampton County Jt.
September Court 1798

Then this Will was duly proved by the oath of John Johnson & ordered to be testified & Recorded. Whereupon Sarah English the Executrix therein named was qualified.

Witness E. Haynes St.

At December Court 1798
John Johnson qualified as Executor to said Will Test E. Haynes St.

John Binfords Will

I John Binford of Northampton County being in a poor feeble state of health but in perfect sense and memory so make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in form and manner as follows.

Item I do leave unto my beloved wife Martha Binford the plantation whereon I do now live during she remains my widow my children or childrens furniture also Stock, Cattle Hogs, and Sheep during her widowhood to raise my children on.

Item My desire is that my wife should be furnished with a heart to do her plantation business.

Item My wife and desire is that my two children Fiza & Elizabeth Binford should have twenty pounds Virginia money a piece to make them equal equal with my daughter Elizabeth Binford because she had about that sum of twenty pounds for her mothers dower estate.

Item And then my wife and desire is that my whole estate both real & personal may be equally divided between my three above mentioned children after the marriage or decease of my beloved wife Martha Binford. My desire is that my young slave by the name of Anne should be sold and the money let out upon interest until it is needed to buy another with. I leave this to the man for the plantation use as long as she is thought serviceable.

Item I Leave to my wife a Negro girl by the name of Britta until she comes of age.

My desire is that my estate shall not be appraised or inventoried and that the intent and meaning of this to be my Will.

I testify I do appoint my wife and my Brother James Binford and William Patterson to be my whole and sole Executors.

At Witness my Hand and Seal this 20th day of the tenth month. One thousand seven hundred & ninety seven.

John Binford & Seal
James Binford Senr.
William Patterson Senr.

Northampton County Jt. December Court 1798

Then this Will of John Binford do was exhibited in Court & duly proved by the affirmation of James Binford Senr. & William Patterson Junr. & ordered to be testified & Recorded. Whereupon James Binford & William Patterson the Executors therein named was qualified.

Witness E. Haynes St.