

of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disavow revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments with legacies bequeathed and executed by me in any ways before named, willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Sarah Riggins as her last Will & Testament in the presence of us who in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names. Seal. dies Will ^{my} _{mark} ^{her} Sarah + Riggins ^{mark} _{mark}

Northampton March Court 1815 This last will and Testament of Sarah Riggins died was proved in open Court by the oaths of Lemuel H. Williams Aaron and was ordered to be certified & recorded. Teste. J. H. Harrison Esq.

William C. Wells's Will. In the name of God Amen. I William C. Wells of the County of Northampton State of N. Carolina do make this my last Will and devise. Article 1st. It is my will that all my just debts be paid.

Article 2^d. It is my will that my wife Sophia Wells take and retain in possession the remainder of my estate during her natural life at said Sophia's death there shall be an equal division between my brother Stephen G. Wells and my sister Cornelia H. Dutton and Rebecca B. Darby and in case that George W. Darby should die before his wife then in that case at her death the above proportions mentioned to go to George W. Darby's heirs by Rebecca B. Darby his present wife. It is my wish that William Dutton my brother Stephen G. Wells act as executors to this my last Will & devised in witness this twenty fifth day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

William C. Wells ^{my} _{mark} ^{her} _{mark}

Northampton March Court 1815 This last Will and Testament of William C. Wells died was exhibited in Court and proved in the following witnesses to wit by Matthew S. Lockhart, John Lockhart & Charles Capell, who made oath that from their knowledge of the dead arising of the Testators they believed the being of said Will together with the names subscribed thereto is the proper hand writing of William C. Wells the Testator, whereupon William Dutton one of the executors in said Will named was duly qualified. Ordered that said Will be certified & recorded. Teste. J. H. Harrison Esq.

Eliza Wells's Will. North Carolina N. H.ington County. This day Eliza Wells and Harmon Russell came before me and made oath that they were with Eliza Wells at his dwelling house in the County aforesaid in his last sickness and that the said Eliza Wells a short time before his death and in presence and hearing of these deponents declared the following to be his last Will to wit "That his wife Cathy Wells was to take the whole of his the said Eliza Wells's property to raise and maintain his children." These deponents further say that the said Eliza Wells died on the third day of March instant leaving a Widow the said Cathy Wells and three children, namely William, Allen and Betty Wells.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 6th March 1815.

Eliza Wells
+ Harmon Russell
^{my} _{mark} ^{her} _{mark}

W. B. Lockhart Jr.

Northampton March Court 1815 This manuscript will of Eliza Wells died was proved in open Court by the oaths of Eliza Wells and Harmon Russell & was ordered to be certified & recorded. Teste. J. H. Harrison Esq.

Henry Smith's Will. In the name of God Amen. I Henry Smith of the County of Northampton and State of Virginia being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. I give and bequeath to my wife Betty D. Smith the land and plantation in which I now reside with all my lands adjoining the same and also the plantation I purchased of William Brown for and during the term of her natural life in lieu of her dower in the whole of my lands both in the State of Virginia and North Carolina. I also bequeath her three negroes my Enslaved, Henry and Wanda for and during the term of her natural life.

Item I give to my son Matthew Smith the following lands to wit the low ground plantation on which I formerly lived, the best and plantation I purchased of Edmund Danner lying apart in Virginia and a part in North Carolina, the land and plantation I purchased of Andrew Chatham & there his wife known by the name of Colebrook's Plantation and my great mill lying in the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina and all my debts upon my the same to him and his heirs forever, also four negroes namely Ann, Phillis, Walter & Jeff. Item I give to my daughter Betty D. Smith my land and plantation on Pottery River which I purchased of John Mason to her and her heirs & assigns forever, also two negroes namely great Anne and Henry.

Item, my will and devise is that my negroes Manuel, Charles and Lucy live with either of my said children that they may choose & be under the control and management of those they choose to live with and in case they should become chargeable to be supported out of my estate. Item my will & devise

148 is that as soon after my decease as may be to the interest of my estate that the whole of my request not herefore disposed of be divided in three equal parts so as not to separate any child under ten years of age from its mother or any husband and wife in my family of request; one part a lot of said slaves I bequeath to my wife during the term of her natural life, which together with the other slaves heretofore lent her or in line of her down in the whole of my slaves both in Virginia and North Carolina, and are to be subject to all the restrictions and forfeitures now imposed by law on deuter slaves in the State of Virginia provided that my wife permit my said children to live with her (in case they choose to do so) during the time they may remain unmarried, & should being accountable to her for board. One other part a lot of the said slaves I give to my said son Abraham, and the other remaining part a lot I give to my daughter Polly D. Smith. Item my will and desire further is that at the death of my wife that a line should be run to cuth the land and plantation lent her beginning at the River and running to the flat Swamp so as to make nine hundred acres in the upper part of said land, the line to be as near square as possible in running, from the river to the swamp. The nine hundred acres of land laid off in the upper part of said tract as aforesaid I then give to my daughter Polly D. Smith to her and her heirs forever, and the residue of the said tract of land lent to my wife as aforesaid I then give to my son Abraham, to him and his heirs forever. Item After the death of my wife I give to my son Abraham and Daughter Polly D. Smith all the request lent to my wife during her natural life to be equally divided between them. Item I give to my son Abraham Smith one thousand pounds Virginia money to be paid in cash or good land or land or deuter. Item I give to my nephew Henry Smith son of my Bro: Ethelred Smith three hundred pounds Virginia money for the express purpose of educating him. Item My will and desire that there be no public sale of any part of my estate, but that the whole of my estate not heretofore given away be equally divided amongst my wife my son Abraham and my daughter Polly D. Smith, as soon after my decease as would be to the interest of my estate to make such division. Item It is my will and desire that the whole of my estate both real and personal left to be divided amongst my wife and two children be divided by Thomas Duffee son: James Duffee, Arthur C. Lundy, Arthur W. Thomson, James Harris, John Holt and David Harris or any three or more of them. Item My will and desire is, that after the division aforesaid that my son Abraham's slaves stock of all kinds and his other personal estate be kept together on his said plantations for the purpose of making a crop under the constant and management of my executors hereafter named and appointed and he manies or comes to the age of twenty one years subject to my executors discretion in selling any of the stock or crop that may be made or purchasing any stock that may be necessary. Item It is

also my will and desire that my daughter Polly D. Smith's request shall of her and other personal estate be kept together on her said land in the same manner and under the same rules regulations as my son Abraham are to be kept on his plantations, during the time she remains unmarried or until she arrives to the age of twenty one years. Item My will and desire further is that if my said Daughter Polly D. Smith should die before she should attain the age of twenty five years without a lawful child or children living at the time of her death then I give all the estate both real and personal heretofore devised and bequeathed to her, to my son Abraham Smith to him his heirs and assigns forever. Item My will and desire further is that if my said son Abraham Smith should die before he attains the age of twenty five years without lawful child or children living at his death, then I give to my daughter Polly D. Smith and her heirs forever all my estate both real and personal which I have herein devised & bequeathed to him except the tract of land I purchased of Edmund Sumner, the said tract of land I purchased of Edmund Sumner in case of the happening of the event last above mentioned, I give to my nephew Henry Smith son of my brother Ethelred Smith to him and his heirs & assigns forever. And in case both of my said children should die without a lawful child or children living at the time of their death before they attain the age of twenty five years then I give the whole of my estate both real and personal herein devised and bequeathed to them except such part as is lent to my wife, to my nephew Abraham Smith and Henry Smith sons of my brother Ethelred Smith upon their paying ten thousand dollars to such of the children of my Sister Polly London as may be living at the happening of that event, to be paid in four equal annual payments, the first beginning at twelve months after the happening of the said event, and in case of the death of my said two children at aforesaid then I give to my wife the whole of my estate both real and personal which is lent to her for and during the term of her natural life to her her heirs & assigns forever. Item My will and desire is that my estate be inventoried but not appraised and that my executors may not be held to give security. I hereby nominate and appoint my Bro: Ethelred Smith and Green Sumner the executors of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking & annulling all other wills made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve. - Charles Smith & others in presence of

At a board held for the County of Southampton the 15th day of January 1813 A writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of

Testament of Henry Smith dec'd was presented in Court, and Green Turner one of the executors therein named renounced his right of qualifying himself and was appointed as a witness and it appearing from the testimony of said Green Turner and other witnesses examined by the Court that the said paper contains a disposition of the personal estate of the said Henry Smith dec'd agreeing to what he declared to the said witnesses to be the disposition he had made thereof, and moreover that the said paper was written by the said Green Turner by the direction of the said Henry Smith and afterwards approved by him, and moreover that the said Henry Smith did not express to any of the said witnesses in his life time any wish to alter his said will except as to a tract of land purchased by him after the making thereof, therefore it is considered by the Court that the said last will and Testament be established as the will of the said Henry Smith dec'd so far and so far only as to pass the personal estate to which the said Henry Smith dec'd was intitled, and on the motion of Ethelred Smith one of the executors named in the said will probate is granted him thereof, whereupon the said Ethelred Smith gave bond the will directing no security to be given by the executor and whereupon the said Ethelred Smith qualified according to law. And at a Court held for the County of Southampton the 15th day of August 1815 on the motion of Obedy D. Smith for administration de bonis non with the will annexed of Henry Smith dec'd the same is granted her on her giving bond and security, whereupon the said Obedy D. Smith with Michael Harris John Critchlow, John Train, John George D. Edwards, William Phillips, Laurence Cook, Miles Cook, David Turner and Henry Garter, her securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of two hundred thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs.

Virginia Southampton County dec'd: J. James Rochelle Clerk of the County Court of Southampton aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Testament and last will of Henry Smith dec'd with the name of Court admitting the same to record, and the Order of said Court granting de bonis non with the will annexed to Obedy D. Smith.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused my seal of Office to be affixed this 2^d day of June 1815

J. Rochelle C^l

Virginia Southampton County sit. J. Benjamin Plunkett conf. presiding Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Southampton aforesaid do hereby certify that James Rochelle whose name is affixed to the foregoing certificate is the Clerk of the County Court of Southampton aforesaid and that full faith and credit is given all his acts as such, and that the same is done in presence of me under my hand this 2^d day of June 1815

Benjamin Plunkett

Southampton June Court 1815. This attested copy of the last will and Testament of Henry Smith dec'd was exhibited in Court, and on motion of Obedy D. Smith administration de bonis non with the will annexed is granted her upon the estate of the said Henry Smith dec'd, when she entered into bond in the penalty of ten thousand dollars with Green Holliman John W. Barnes and James Rochelle securities, conditioned as the law directs - Ordered that the said will be recorded -

Teste - J. Harrison C^l

Porter Sikes's Will. In the name of God Amen. I Porter Sikes of the County of Southampton and State of N. Carolina being at this time in health and sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same calling to mind the mortality of my body, do make and attain this to be my last Will and Testament. First it is my will and desire that my body should be buried in a christian-like manner at the discretion of my executors and my estate to defray the expenses thereof and after my funeral expenses and just debts are paid I dispose of what proper - I am possessed of in manner and form following, wth; Improvements - I leave unto my loving wife during her widowhood the use of my negro man Ben Frank Nancy and Dick also the use of my household & kitchen furniture plantation utensils and stock of all kind except what is herein after devised to my children together with my plantation and land adjoining thereto within the following bounds viz beginning at a corner two Post roads by a red oak standing on the road at school House then south nineteen degrees east two hundred and twenty poles to a corner pine, then north sixty eight degrees east one hundred and fifty eight poles to a corner white oak in Theodorick Manns line, then with his line north three degrees east fifty eight poles to Theodorick Manns corner pine then with said Manns line north thirty eight degrees east one hundred and seven poles to a corner black gum on the main run of the Wild Cat then up the meanders of the run of said swamp to the mouth of the school House Branch then up the meanders of the run of said Branch to a corner at the road, then along the said road south sixty three degrees west forty eight poles to the beginning. - Item I give and bequeath unto my son Simon Sikes at the death or marriage of my wife Martha Sikes my plantation with all the land within the bounds that I have lent her the use of during her widowhood which contains two hundred and ninety four acres together with my negro men Ben and Dick to him and heirs forever. - Item I give and bequeath unto my son Simon Sikes all the property that I have given him to the date of this will and which he has now in possession together with the plantation and land that he now lives