

Lawrence Smith's Will.

Lawrence Smith of Southampton County and State of North Carolina now in Monroe County and State of Virginia being law in health and capable to mind the mortality of the body, though low in health is sound in mind and in perfect senses do ordain and give my worldly estate as follows:-

Item I lend unto my beloved wife Jane Smith all my lands lying the West side of Bradleys Road between Cornway Swamp and Potomac Swamp also the lands and Mill I bought of Lewis during her life or Widowhood:-

Item I give unto my son Joseph L. D. Smith the above lands I have lent unto my wife after her marriage or death to him and his heirs forever, my will and desire is that my sons Henry Smith & Joseph L. D. Smith and my daughter Rebecca Smith should remain in and have the benefit of my house I have lent unto my wife during their single state without paying board:-

Item I lend unto my beloved wife all my household furniture plantation utensils Chariots & two horses which she may make choice of during her widowhood, but she may dispose of the same during her widowhood to my children as she may think proper:-

Item I lend unto my beloved wife three of the horses servants of which she may make choice of not interfering with them I may hereafter give away during her Widowhood or life - I also lend her one fifth part of my whole lands excepted that I may not hereafter give away during her widowhood or life and at her marriage or death which may first take place may will and desire is that it shall be equal divide amongst my children except that which I have already given away or may

hereafter give away:-

Item After my just debts being paid I give unto my beloved wife one fifth part of all my bonds and money, and if the said bonds and money that comes to her shall do not amount to five Thousand dollars the deficiency is to be made to her to make the amount five Thousand dollars:-

Item I give and bequeath to my son Henry Smith my Much Island tract of land provided he will pay unto his brother Joseph L. D. Smith ten Thousand dollars paying one thousand dollars annually to him and his heirs forever - but if the said Henry Smith should refuse to take the land on the above terms, I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph L. D. Smith the above lands on the same conditions of his pay his brother Henry Smith the ten Thousand dollars in annual payments of one thousand dollars, but not to be paid or any part thereof till he the said Joseph L. D. Smith shall come of age:-

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Smith the land and plantation I bought of William Peterson to him and his heirs forever & also a negro man a Blacksmith by the name of Willis:-

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph L. D. Smith the tract of land in Southampton County Virg. that I bought of Richard Blunt and all the lands lying between Potomac Swamp and Wheelers Mill Swamp in Southampton County to him and his heirs forever and a Blacksmith Will and his wife Kate who are to remain on the plantation where he now is and it to do my wife's Blacksmith's work gratis:-

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca Smith my lands and Mill lying the east side of Bradleys Road to her and her heirs forever, also the land I bought of William Sikes, and the following negroes to wit Nan and Sealy, Kells & Elgin & her last child & their increase to her heirs, also one negro man a Blacksmith by the name of Alston:-

Item. I lend unto my beloved wife a negro man named Tom a Blacksmith during her widowhood.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Dorothy Mason all my land lying the South side of Wheelers Mill Swamp to her and her heirs forever, also I give unto her the negroes I sent to her that she has now in possession and their increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item. My will and desire is that the negroes stock of all kinds and all other kind of my estate that I have not already given away that my wife shall have one fifth part during her widowhood or natural life as above stated.

Item. My will and desire is that all my negroes that I have not already given away money bonds stock of all kinds and every thing that I have not hitherto disposed of shall be equally divided between my children Henry Smith, Joseph L. D. Smith, Rebecca Smith and Dorothy Mason without an action of any part of my estate whatever, but if my executors think proper to make sale of any part of the perishable estate & it may be necessary they may do it at private sale, the two old negroes Jerry & Lucy his wife my desire is that they may live with either of the family as they may make choice and those that they may make choice to live with shall maintain them comfortable.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Henry Smith and Daniel Mason my whole & sole executors of this my last Will & Testament, disannulling all Wills hitherto made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of July in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eleven.

L. Dawson

Mr. Debury

Laurence Smith (Seal)

Henry

Being low in health but in sound mind and memory, thanks be to God therefore. I make and amendment to my Will made 11th day of July 1811 - wherein I have since purchased a tract of land known by the name of the Courthouse tract lying in the County of Northampton which land. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Dorothy Mason to her and her heirs forever, and in consequence of my giving my daughter Dorothy Mason the above named land, I deduct out of her share of my Will made 11th day July 1811 six thousand dollars which is to be equally divided between my children viz. my son Henry Smith Joseph L. D. Smith and Rebecca Smith which is two thousand dollars each.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca Smith fifteen hundred dollars it being for the land that I sold known by the name of Sykes's which land I had given to her in my Will made 11th July 1811. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 1st day of December one thousand eight hundred & eleven.

Test

H. Edmunds jr

Simon Barwell

Purley Pritchard

Laurence Smith (Seal)

Northampton County
June Court 1812.

This last Will and Testament of Laurence Smith deceased was exhibited into Court & proved by the oaths of Henry Dawson & Allen Debury & the Codicil thereto annexed was proved by the oaths of Simon Barwell and Purley Pritchard. whereupon Henry Smith & Daniel Mason the executors in said Will named were given license agreeable to law. Ordered to be certified and recorded.

Test

Edw. Hayes