

remain for the benefit & support of my son Amos & a Malvern, with the interest
and at his death to be equally divided between all his children.
I give and bequeath to my Daughter Polly Holden one ninth part of the
money as above to her & her heirs.
I give and bequeath to the heirs of my Daughter Nancy Lewis and one ninth part
of the Money as above to them & their heirs.
I give and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Nancy Dore and one ninth part
of the Money as above to them & their heirs.
I give and bequeath to my daughter Dorothy Holden one ninth part of the money
as above to her & her heirs.

After the death of my wife Abby, will is that my Sonna and other property, I leave
to be sold and the Money arising from said sale to be disposed of in the same
manner as each Legatee as above. Given to them under her hand & for me.

And Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Charles Ake my whole
and sole Executrix to this my last Will and Testament according to her
and seal this 9th day of October 1834

Amos Holden Esq;

Mitchell
W.M. Hill
Wm. H. Gardner

Northampton County December Court 1834.

This last will and Testament of Amos Holden was exhibited in open Court and
proved in due form of law by the estate of Northampton County being witnessed
therein and ordered to be certified and recorded, whenupon Charles Ake the
Executor therein named Qualifies as the Law directs

Test. Richd. H. Moore Esq

Abraham P. Smith Will. In the name of God Amen I Abraham P. Smith of the County
of Northampton State of North Carolina being of sound mind and a disposing memory do
solemnly make Ordain & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following
(sig'd)

Now I leave unto my beloved wife Eliza A. Smith for and during the time of her
natural life the following lands (vizt) the plantation wherein I now reside,
known by the name of Diamond Green Plantation in the County of Northampton
and State of North Carolina of course, together with the Cotten Ginn on the same and
the lands which I purchase of Henry Smith of Bladen which he held in
right of his wife Mary A. S. Smith & now known by the name of the Mill
plantation lying in the said County estate & adjoining the said plantation for
lands, and also the tract of land opposite to the village of Goldsboro adjoining
the last mentioned tract, But should my wife the said Eliza A. Smith
desire it advisable to prefer so to do I hereby empower her to sell or dispose of the
said tract of land in full simple, provide she will by some sufficient
surety to be approved of by thirty guardians leave unto my two sons Abraam
John person & Octavius Augustus Smith or to the survivor of them possession either
of them should die in the life time of my said wife without having cause
given him surviving the sum of six thousand dollars payable at her death,
which sum of money in case she shant sell said lands, I give to them &
their heirs forever.

Now I give Bequeath unto my wife Eliza A. her apys forrest the following
 negroes & other personal property (vizt) Peter, old & sick, Dennis, Rose, a

Indiana Settancy & their future in case my two daughters leave Country & go to the same
and the following property on the plantation which I now now own, all of my house
house kitchen furniture, except that here is after her death in a different manner
four of the slaves of my work house, Twenty hens of the choice of Cottles all of the hogs
that are not usually kept up for fat, all of the plantation utensils my smallest
Waggon and the gear belonging thereto Two Carts & two pair of Cart wheels & fastenings
give unto my said wife one half of the hogs that are not usually put up for fat for
part, belonging to the Goldsboro plantation also one third part of all the Corn, fodder
cots, wheat, Hay, Spar, at all of my plantations together with one third part of the
Crops (Cotton always excepted) which may be growing on all of my said plantations
at my death also one fifth part of all my sheep, one fifth part of all my pocket
books & the same part of all my books I furthermore give Bequeath unto my said
wife the sum of Two hundred dollars in gold coins which she has now in her purse
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I give unto my beloved wife Eliza A. for and during the time of her natural life the fol-
lowing negro slaves (vizt) Mackay, Blacky, Peggy, Sandy, Mitty, Edmund, old & sick, Jules,
Jack, very old, and Riley & their future increase. The property real & personal in the
possessing of them I give to my wife the said Eliza A. together with the proprie-
ties in this my last will & Testament herein after made for her benefit is intended
by me and is to be taken as an equivalent for the sum of his wages & of all
right & interest which she may have in & to any estate or property real or personal
all of which I may see fit to appropriate in any moment whatever, taken in the
State of North Carolina or Virginia or elsewhere.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Abraam John person Dennis his heirs & apys forrest
one large big Catties little Box my watch one good Trunk, one set of my Slaves
clothing apparel, my walking cane, writing table & one old pun table a family
cupboard, my son Joes minitature, his gun, one good saddle horse to be given
him when he arrives at twenty one years of age, also fifteen hundred Dollars to
be raised out of my Estate & to be paid to his Guardian in twelve months after my death
Item I give & bequeath unto my son Octavius Augustus Smith his heirs & apys forrest
One large big Mammy Bob, my walnut Chest & Box belonging to the same,
my best Gunne and Pistols, Both Hand & Cudde Hand, one set of my Slaves one
good Trunk one of my pocket books, one good saddle horse to be given him
when he arrives at twenty one years of age, also the sum of Five hundred
Dollars to be raised out of my Estate and to be paid to his guardian in twelve
months after my death

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Ann Eliza Caroline her heirs & apys
one large girl named Charlotte the future increase, One barrel stockings, a
good Trunk, a new Chest, one good bed, a chair & sufficient of good furniture
for the same

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Virginia Ann Maria Smith to her heirs
& apys forrest one large girl called little Mariah her Child & the future
increase, one good Trunk, one walnut Chest prop & small barrel stockings
a chair & sufficient of good furniture for the same

Item I give & bequeath unto my two sons Abraam John person & Octavius Augustus Smith
all of my writings apparel equally to be divided between them
Item It is my desire that the representatives of my Estate or the guardians or guardian of my
sons Abraam John person & Octavius Augustus Smith shall leave the boy John
given as above to my son Abraam John person with some suitable person to
learn the trade of a Black Smith & when he shall have become skilled in the
same then to furnish him with a good set of blacksmith tools at my said
sons expense & keep him at work for my said sons benefit also that the said

Begging to my Son Octavius & place with some suitable person to learn the Carpenters trade, & when he shall have become sufficiently skilled in the same, there is to furnish him at the expense of my said Son Octavius with such a set of tools as will be necessary for him to have & then to keep him employed at his trade for the benefit of my said Son Octavius Augustus. It is further my desire that the said Charlotte, given to my daughter Mary Ann Eliza Caroline should be bound to be a good Servant, we are however desirous to this end it is my wish that she remain with my wife till the wishes her to do so, as long as my said wife shall remain single, provided she will teach her or have her taught in manners & service I pray my said daughter for the use of the said. Mysie whatever she may reasonably be worth for the time she may have been but in case my said wife should die & leave the said girl or should marry, then it is my desire that the benefit with some good & capable Servant who will teach her as before requested in the best terms, as it is my wish that she be least at all remote after the said girl Charlotte is taught as above directed should my wife still desire to take her, then it is my wish that she be placed with some good lady kept in the house sea house servant until my daughter arrives at such an age as to make her service as I do not wish her to work but to be abund in any manner whatever.

Item I give & desire with the particular of slaves, unto my Children Mary Ann Eliza Caroline, Octavius John Peter, Octavius Augustus and Virginia Ann Maria Smith their heirs & assigns forever the following Slave & improvements in the same (viz) my tract of land lying in the South Side of Newhaven there called known by the name of Gildecks plantation which said tract of land was purchased off my Father of Christopher Edge living partly in the adjacent County, & partly in the County of Grangeville Virginia also all my slaves in the County of Southampton Virginia, the plantation called & known by the name of the old plantation or & part the north side of Newhaven there also all of the slaves I purchased of Joseph L D Smith adjoining the said plantation the last mentioned tract preserved notwithstanding that if either of my said Children should depart this life before attaining to the full age of twenty two years without leaving lawful issue him or her surviving then the said estate to vest in his survivors or survivors of them & their heirs to be divided between them at the time & in the manner herein after set forth.

Item I give & bequeath with the power hentes annua; unto my four Children Mary Ann Eliza Caroline, Octavius John Peter, Octavius Augustus and Virginia Ann Maria their heirs & assigns forever the following Negroes & other personal property (viz) Miller, Dick, Little Dick, Phebe, John, Anna, Tom, Frank, Cuff, Peter, Jacob, Little Baby, Lucy, Mahala, old, little Marion, Frank, Lucy, Martha, Lucy, Sherry, Maria, old, old, Cynthia, flushed face, Cate, Mary, Eliza, Dennis, Cherry, Harry, Hobie, Ethan, little Dammo, little John, Betty, George, old, Sharr, Abby, Albert, Henry, old, Isaac & Oscar & their families intermixed also the sum of two hundred Dollars to be raised out of my Estate apaid to their Guardian in twelve months after my death which sum is given for the purpose of having erected for the joint benefit of my said Children a Ginkhouse & Cotton Gin on the said old place plantation as herein after mentioned, also all the balance of my cattle, Hogs & Sheep not here before given away except the Hogs usually put up to fatten for pork, also the sum of the value of my horses or mules not herein before dispense of, my but one year to the same, all of my Cows & Calves which not before dispense of, all of the plantation utensils, Cances & Plats, except Saw & tools to same belonging, one pair good Hulgards, one good set of Blacksmiths Tools, one female pair of Hulgards belonging to Black Smith Shop, one Corp Cat saw together with all the balance of the Corp, feeding, Cate, sheep, pigs,

meat, pork, Bacon & hams of also all of the Corps which may be growing, or all of my plantations at my death (Cotton also says receipted) which has not been disposed of previously, notwithstanding it is my intention that neither of my said Children nor any of their heirs shall have the benefit of or to dispose of in any way whatsoever, any of said property real or personal given to them in Common, until they shall have arrived at the age of twenty two years when it shall be allotted to them in the manner herein after provided but if either of my said Children or any of them should die before attaining the said age of twenty two years & without leaving lawful issue him or them surviving then the interest of such Child or Children to descend to & vest in the survivor or survivors of them.

Item It is my Will & desire & I heartily direct that all the aforesaid property both real & personal given in Common, my said four Children be kept together for their joint benefit untill one of my said Children shall have arrived at the age of twenty two years and in the meantime the proceeds of profits of the same after keeping up the plantation I have given them, to be divided on a least to most thereof as may appear to be necessary to maintaining, educating, clothing, Boarding & other necessary expenses of my said four Children until they shall come at the age of twenty two years and when ever any of my said Children shall attain to the said age of twenty two years it is my desire that at the end of the year, on which he or she shall attain to their said age of twenty two years his or her share of all of the said property real & personal herein before given to all of my said Children in Common together with the increase & profits of the same shall be set apart & allotted in severallty to him or her for his or her own use & benefit the balance of the said property to be kept together for the benefit of the rest of my Children untill they attain their respective ages of twenty two years at the end of which year each is to draw his or her share of the said property in manner of farm expenses but should it so happen that any of my said Children should depart this life before attaining to the said age of twenty two years without leaving lawful issue him or her surviving then in that event it is my intention that none of my said Children should survive of us have power to dispose of my said Child or otherwise any part of the said property real or personal given to them in Common before they arrive at the said age of twenty two years, the interest of the said Children & Child dying as aforesaid is to descend to & vest in the survivor or survivors of them & their heirs but if any of my said Children should die as aforesaid leaving lawful issue him or her surviving then it is my wish I desire that the issue of such Child or Children should draw their respective shares of the said property, not however until the youngest of my said Children or the youngest that should live shall attain to the age of twenty two years the property in the meantime to be kept together in the manner aforesaid and should the younger left to keep up the Southampton & Grangeville plantations other Negroes given to my four Children to come from thence in about two numbers for the same shandy authority the guardian of my said Children herein after appointed, or any other person appointed by the Court to him but part of them if they should descent admissible either publicly or privately as to them may seem best, It is my desire that the guardian or guardians to my said Children shall have all the house & other improvements on the Southampton & Grangeville plantations put up at a proper rate of reprise to have erected on the said Southampton plantation a good Cotton Gin better receipts always attending convenience for an engine of ten horses & laboring very well for the use & benefit of the said plantations such things as he may have available not intending shandy that they shall all

way of the lands and Negroes given to my Children as above, antipossestially author-
ized & made by his will, but only empowering them to sell the surplus horses,
mules, Stock & provisions where there should be more on the said plantations
than are needed or to buy articles of a similar nature when wanted on the
plantations. It is also my desire that in clearing the lands given to my said
Children in Common that the said I. & his valuable timber should be got
up sold for their benefit & not waste and also that the Guardians of
my said Children should have power on the said plantations Cottom &
every thing else that can be raised or made a part therewith which may
be necessary in keeping them up & fit should happen at any time that there
is not a sufficient number to keep up the said plantations. I wish their
Guardians to purchase them for that purpose.

I am desirous my wife Eliza A. not release of the Lands I leave her for her in the
first Clause of this will as the same is thereby empowers her to do them. I give therefore
the remainder in the Lands unto my two Sons Abram & John Brown &
Octavius Augustus their heirs & assigns forever but should it so happen
that either of my said two Sons should depart this life in the lifetime
of any said Son at present living leaving lawful issue him surviving then
it is my Will & desire that the remainder in the said Lands should
not absolutely in the survivor his heirs & assigns forever.

Here In the event that my wife the said Eliza A. marry again I give
I bequeath unto my four Children Mary Ann Eliza Caroline Abram &
John Brown Octavius Augustus & Virginia Ann Brown Sonth to them
& their heirs forever or to the survivors or survivors of them provided
either of them should die in the life of my said wife without leaving
lawful issue him or her surviving. The Negroes which were of former part
of this Will I bequeath to my said wife during her life the gift however not to take
effect in proportion until the death of my said wife but if my said wife
should not marry then there is to have the absolute disposal of the said Negroes
to dispose of as she pleases at her death by her last will Testament & in
that way above. But should she make no disposition of the said Negroes
in that manner, then they are to go to my said four Children as aforesaid.

I do hereby empower & instruct my executors hereafter named
or such of them as qualify or any representative appointed to settle my estate
to sell all of the plantation on Roanoke River in the County of Northampton
State of North Carolina which I purchased of Walter Mayes & Etashanil
& Blawood previous they can get for the sum the sum of Four Thousand dol-
lars. Secured by good sufficient security & payable in four annual payments
should a sale of the same effected upon their terms, I give bequeath the
said sum of Four Thousand dollars to be equally divided between my
dear wife Eliza A. & my four Children Mary Ann Eliza Caroline Abram &
John Brown Octavius Augustus & Virginia Ann Brown. But if it be not practicable
to effect an immediate sale of the said Lands, then it is my will & desire to hereby
desire that it be rented out for some few years for the best price that can be
obtained for the same the rents profits arising therefrom to be equally divided
between my dear wife & four Children as aforesaid, but with a sale effected
as soon as possible on the other hand and ultimately of a sale cannot be effected
upon the terms above stated I give & devise the said Tract of land unto my
dear wife & four Children their heirs & assigns forever equally to be divided
among them.

Here I wish the family grave yard on the said Southampton plantation given
to my said Children to be the direction of my executors hereafter

appointed or by any representative appointed to settle my estate, induced by a
Substantial Body well of sufficient light & thickness to form a prominent
protection to the same & for each of the grave of my Father Sister Little son
to be called up dan arch Turnes over each & to effect a lasting protection
to each of the said graves. I further desire that the guardian or guardians of
my said Children should keep the grave yard in good Order & repair after it is
invaded in the manner above stated.

Sure It is my wish that my dear wife may be allowed to be on my Southampton plantation
during her life as support to be given her out of the property given jointly to my Children
without her performing any labor (other than attending to the Stock on the same
when he is able to do so).

Then the following property for the purpose before stated I hereby direct to be sold
(viz) one thousand acres of land situated in Greenville County Virginia
adjoining the lands of Martha Farms, one thousand acres, the said
House I purchased of sold at the Southampton plantation together with
all the balance of my estate real & personal not herein otherwise dis-
posed of, the said property to be sold either publicly or privately
as to my representatives may seem best and the proceeds amount there-
from together with all the debts & monies due me in any manner what-
ever after paying all my just debts the legacies given by this will as well
as all expenses incurred in carrying this my last will & testament into
effect in every respect except where provision for effecting such purpose
has been else where made in the same to be equally divided between my
said wife & my four Children if it should happen that I have herein
given away any thing which I have not, then I hereby direct the same to be
purchased out of the funds to be raised as aforesaid.

I It is my will & desire that my children be sent to such school as will enable them
to acquire the best education & fit them to move in an elegant sphere, afford-
ing to each the like opportunities as may be my desire is that my two sons
should be educated first brought up to one or the other of the professions of the law
or medicine should their health permit it & not otherwise & when they arrive at the
proper age I will & let them to them to make free choice of one or the other
of the professions, and should they make no choice of themselves then it is my
will that their guardian or guardians make choice for them consulting
however in doing the same, dispositions & Constitutions of each, I do not
wish my said Children or any of them to be sent to school to any place that is
supposed to be unhealthy onto any teacher ignorantly disposed or who will
treat them in any manner amiss, and it is my desire that the Court or Courts
in which the qualifications of any guardian to my Children shall be taken place
& any person or persons by the said Courts appointed upon being satisfied that
either the person or property of either or all of my said Children has been injured
abused, mismanaged or not attended to as they should be by the said guardian
or guardian should not in every respect execute this Will, should remove such
guardian or guardian and appoint some other in his or their place
then should my wife the said Eliza A. remain single I shall prefer it to my
will that my said Children until they will otherwise should remain with
her until they become of age provide it does not interfere with their
education & my said wife does not charge them more than is equal for
the board of Children of their size & ages, but should my wife the said
Eliza A. again marry then it is my will, uses & intentions interstices that
neither of my said Children should live with their Father in law nor
that he should in any manner have any control direct or indirect
over a person or property or to be in any event appointed by the Court to act

as their guardian or to be suffered by the guardians of my said Children to rent their lands to hire their negroes or to have any thing to do in any manner whatever with my Children or their property and their dinctives in case my said wife shoula again marry, I wish also to retain both unto estates to their person of property to all the relations of such Father in law, and it is my full intention that neither he nor any of his relations shall have any control over any of my said Children or their property in any manner whatever, and I hereby direct the representatives of my Estate & the Guardians or guardians of my said Children or any person or persons acting under this will at all time to see the same fully executed & carried into effect in every way whatever, and the Courts in which this shall be probated or the guardian of my said Children qualify are requested to see that the same is carried into effect in all its parts & bearings.

Now I hereby nominate & appoint Henry Smith Esq of Southampton County
of Abrahams B. Smith of Northampton County State of North Carolina, my executors and also my beloved wife Eliza A. Smith as my executors, in conditions that either one or both of my executors having the pointed qualities with her, to see my will & testament, but should neither of the said executors qualify, it is no appointment on the part of my said wife Eliza A. Smith, but if they shoula, she has equal right to qualify with them or either of them, and I particularly request of my worthy friend & relation the said Henry Smith and Considerable trust, for which he can render me to comply with my wish should my wife however again marry her power as Executrix under this will be to cease and be at an end from that time.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal the 16th day of August A.D. 1834

A. B. Smith *(Read)*

Signed, sealed & published as

his last will & Testament in
our presence
James T. Hayley
Wm. Bottom
Thos. S. Phillips

The following were interlinied before signed
I declare that the words which follow
on the first that the word to children, the wife,
also on the second that interlinie the words or less
the above interlinie in presence of us. A. B. Smith *(Read)*

James T. Hayley
Wm. Bottom
Thos. S. Phillips

Northampton County December 1st 1834.
This last will and Testament of A. B. Smith was rehabetited in open
Court and proved in due form of law, by the oaths of James T. Hayley
& Wm. Bottom being subscribers witnesses thereto and ordered to be
Certified and recorded at Newbern A. B. Smith one of the
executors therein named qualified as the law directs

Titus Richff Mavor Esq

Abigail Lapham's Will

In the name of God Amen I Abigail Lapham of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind & disposing memory do make & ordain this my last will & testament in the following manner. Item I give & Bequeath to my son Ermin Lapham one Cow & Calf one feather Bed & Furniture one Chest & my Clock to him and his heirs forever. Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Catharine Lapham one Cow one feather Bed & Furniture and one Chest to her and her heirs forever. Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Eliza Lapham one Cow one feather Bed and furniture and one Chest to her and her heirs forever. Item It is understood that Catharine Lapham when he comes of the age of twenty one years pay to Catharine Lapham her full part of a certain Note against me now in the hands of Jordan Beck then present Guardian Item the Balance of my other property I leave to be sold and after paying my just debts the Surplus if any to be equally divided among the above named heirs.

Item having had only twenty five Dollars of the legacy from my husband Henry Lapham the balance in Goodwill money leaves the same to his and Bequeath to my son Ermin Lapham to him this heirs forever. Item a present of us the 17th day of February 1835

Abigail Lapham *(Signed)*
mark

Henry A. Payne

Southampton County March 1st 1835

This will was exhibited in open Court & pronounced by the Court of Common
Council, the subscriber being witness thereto, because that the same be certified
and recorded

Titus Richff Mavor Esq

Wemy P. Barkley's Will

In the Name of God Amen I Henry P. Barkley of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind & disposing memory do make & ordain this my last will & testament in the following manner. Item the 1st I give and Bequeath unto my oldest Son Walter W. Barkley ten Dollars to him and his heirs forever. Item my will & desire is that my executors hereof appointed sell in such terms as he may think best any part or all of my estate both real & personal and out of the money arising therefrom pay all my just debts and then if he thinks proper he may with the advice of my beloved wife buy a place or plantation not to exceed in value one Thousand Dollars for the benefit of my said wife during her natural life or widowhood and the balance I leave unto my said wife during her natural life or widowhood on condition that she will raise & educate my three youngest children namely William Henry, Adolphus Ann, and Abbott Thomas. But should she prefer a division of my property then my will & desire is that all my estate not given away be equally divided between her and my three youngest children above mentioned them to remain in common stock until the oldest arrives to lawful age or otherwise marries. But should my wife not prefer a division it is my will & desire that all the property remain to her be equally divided at her death between my said three youngest children before mentioned.