

In the name of God amen this twenty
third day of August in the year of our Lord one thou-
sand seven hundred eighty four I John M^c Cafferty of
fourth Creek settlement Rowan County & state of
N^c Carolina being of perfect mind & memory & calling
to mind the uncertainty of Life & that it is appoin-
ted to all men once to die & seeing the necessity of set-
tling my Secular affairs ^{in order} Do make this my last
Will & Testament in the form & manner following
Viz Imprimis that all my lawfull Debts shall
be paid out of my estate by my Executor herein af-
ter ~~named~~ ^{named} them I do hereby appoint & declare by
beloved friend James Gray to be my sole Executor of
this my said Will & do empower him to receive & collect all
& every of the Debts now due or that may become due to
me & to settle & pay the persons to whom I am justly
indebted. Item that all the residue of my estate I do
hereby Bequeath to the said James Gray to be ap-
plied to his own use as he may think proper &
I do hereby revoke all and every other ^{former} Will & Testament by
me made & do declare this to be my last Will & Testament.
Signed & sealed
in the presence of
James Alexander Jun.
Joseph Gray

John M^c Cafferty

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In the name of God Amen I James Smith
of the County of Rowan and state of N^c Carolina being
mindful of the frailty and Mortality of Human nature
and that it is appointed for all men once to die, but
considering the uncertainty of life and my now being
in perfect mind and memory and understanding, I
do make this my last Will and Testament in manner &
form following: first and principally I recommend
my soul into the Hands of God that gave it and I recommend
my Body to the Earth to be Buried decently at the discre-
tion of my Executor hereafter by me named in verse and
certain hope that it will raise again through the Almight-
y power of our saviour Jesus Christ, and as for such
Worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with
I do give Bequeath and Dispose of in the following manner
and form — FIRST I give Will and Bequeath to
my Beloved Wife Margaret Smith power to use occupy
and Enjoy the Manner plantation, and Mills, both Grist
Mill and Saw Mill, Together with all my Houses and
Cattle, Waggon and Sheep and all my Household furniture
and plantation Tools which plantation contains two
hundred and Twelve Acres, And the two Negro men
Narrow named Joe and Friday, and one Negro Woman
named Kagar, and an equal part of all the Ready
Money now in my possession (During her Widowhood
to help her to raise the Younger Children, and
to School them, and when my Youngest child

62) Philip Smith ^{now of age} is of the age of Twenty One
Years this the Negroes Men & Slaves shall be Valued and my
Children shall have all an Equal share, But the Wench
is to remain to my Wife during her life, and then to be
Valued both her and her increase, and to be equally
divided amongst all my Children. And shall my Wife
have One third part of all my moveable Estate, and to be
paid Twelve pounds Current Money of this State Yearly
out of my Estate and to find her food for One Cow and
Horse during her life. And secondly when my son Philip
is of age this Plantation and Mills is to go to my sons
Gasper & Phillips and to be Valued, and all my Chil-
dren is to have an Equal share, Which which several
sums they shall pay to the rest of my Heirs. Thirdly
I give Will and Bequeath to my eldest son George Smith
the Plantation or Tract of Land lying on Abbe's Creek
(and joining the Mill Tract containing Two Hundred
and Twenty five Acres for ever, And Ironell Mare
English Blooded, and the Mare & Plantation are to
be Valued, and he shall pay to the rest of his Brothers
And Sisters an equal Share with himself —
Fourthly, Give Will and Bequeath my four Daughters
Margaret, Barbara, Christina and Mary and equal
share of my moveable Estate with their Brothers, as
also an equal out of the Value of my real Estate —
Barbara is to have one ^{English} Blooded Ironell Mare known
by the name of Barbara Mare, and Margaret

Margaret is to have one Yellow Mare, English Blooded
Which Mares are to be Valued and to be a part of their
Share, and my son George is to have Raffle which
is not to be Valued, And to this my last Will
and Testament I constitute make ordain and
Appoint my sole Executors My Beloved Wife Mar-
garet Smith, and my Brother in Law David
Smith. But if my Wife doth Marry then her
right of Executor shall cease

Signed Sealed, Published & pronounced his
& delivered by the said Gasper Gasper G S Smith ^{his} 
Smith as his last Will and mark
Testament this fourteenth day

of January 1784

In the presence of
John Billing

James Macoy