

1796.
In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Stagdill
of Rowan county & State of N. Carolina be very sick
and weak in health and of body of perfect mind & memory
thanks be given unto God calling unto mind mortality
of my body and knowing that it is appointed one for all
men to die do make & ordain this my last will and testament
that is to say principally and first of all I give and
recommend my soul into the hand of the almighty God
that gave it & my body I recommend to the earth to be
buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my
executors; nothing doubting but at the general resurrection
I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of
God & as touching such worldly estate wherewith it
has pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise
& dispose of the same in the following manner and
form. I give & bequeath to my son Zebulon
Stagdill one hundred acres of land laying in Walle-
more County In the State of Maryland & further more
I give him all my rights to lands thereto belonging
by me in any ways before named called & bequeathed
ratifying and confirming this & no other to be my
last will & test: In witness hereof I have hereunto
set my hand & seal the 15th of July in the year of
our Lord 1797

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mark

Thomas ^{his} Stagdill
mark

1796.
In the name of God Amen the 18th day of November 1796
I Will^m Smith of Rowan County in the State of N. Carolina
being in health of body and of sound mind & memory: Thanks
be given unto God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of
my body & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die to
make & ordain this my last will & test: Principally & first
of all I give & recommend my soul into the hand of God who
gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried
in a decent & Christian like manner at the discretion of my
executors hereafter named nothing doubting but at the general
resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power
of God - and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it
has pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & dispose
in the following manner & form.

Item it is my will & I do order that in the first place
all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid & satisfied
out of my moveable estate. Item I give & bequeath to
Mary my well beloved wife one hundred acres of land where
I now dwell to include my dwelling house & improvement
to her during her natural life & likewise a feather bed and
common furniture, one cow & household goods sufficient
to keep house with, and a horse bridle & saddle.

Item I give to my son Will^m Smith the sum of ten shillings
together with what I have already given to him to be his share
of my estate.

Item I give to my son John Smith the sum of ten
shillings, together with what I have already given him to be his
share of my estate.

Item I give to my son Benjamin Smith the sum of