

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

Aquila Beck
Ladwick & Coziah Jan
mark

Thomas 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

Ten shillings together with what I have already given to him to be his share of my estate.

Item I give to my son James Smith one hundred acres of land on the South end of my homestead plantation to him his heirs & assigns forever & also a horse bridle & saddle

Item I give to my son Jesse Smith one hundred acres of Land part of my homestead plantation joining on the North side of the lot that I have given to my wife to have & his heirs forever & also a horse bridle & saddle to the value of fifteen pounds.

Item I give my son Jeremiah Smith one hundred acres of land the North end of my homestead plantation to him his heirs & assigns forever and also one horse saddle & bridle to the value of fifteen pounds.

Item I give to my three daughters Sarah wife of Joseph Moore, Miriam wife of Stephen Osburn and Elizabeth the wife of Paul Daniel the sum of fifteen shillings to be equally divided between them together, with what I have already given them as their share of my estate.

Item I give to my four youngest daughters, Hannah Martha, Patience & Ruth the remaining part of my moveable estate that I have not already bequeathed and likewise what I have given to my wife that is left at her decease, together with that hundred acres of land that I have ordered for her use - after her decease I order to be sold by my executors hereafter named, and the money arising therefrom I order to be equally divided between my four youngest daughters last named, to each of them and equal share alike.

And lastly I appoint Mary my beloved wife and my son Benjamin Smith my sole executors of this my last will & test: and do hereby revoke & disannul all other former wills and testaments by me before this time made, ratifying and confirming this & no other to be my last will & test.

Signed, sealed, published & pronounced & declared by the said Wm Smith (read) Wm Smith to be his last will & test: in presence of us the subscribers.

James Walborn.

Bartholomew Williams.

Henry Davis.

In the name of God Amen! Thomas Smart of Rowan County & State of N. Carolina being weak of body but of sound sense & mind memory & disposition thanks be to God for his mercies, calling to mind the mortality of the body, knowing it is appointed for all men once to die and after death to come to judgment. I do in the name of God commit myself to the Lord Jesus Christ when this mortal life ends. my body to be decently buried in christian like manner hoping to have them united again, at the great & general resurrection by the almighty power of God. And as touching my worldly goods as it pleased God to bless me with in this life - I give & dispose of in following manner. First of all I land my well beloved wife Elizabeth Smart all my whole estate both real & personal during her widowhood - But if she should marry she shall be dispossessed of all, and every part thereof, except such.