

WILL OF

STEPHEN SMITH

In the name of God Amen. I Stephen Smith of Good Hope, State of South Carolina and County of Winton, weak of Body but of perfect Mind and Memory do make my last Will & Testament in manner & form following

First I recomen my Soul to God thro the Merits of my Blessed Saviour, and I order m. Body to be decently Buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named.--

I order all my Just debts to be paid in manner & form following: that is to say, All the Lands that I am at present possessed of in the States of South Carolina & Georgia, Except the Tract of Land I purchased from Alex. Wood in this State and the Land I run joining it also one Tract opposite to it in Georgia, also all the Lands that lye convenient to my Saw Mill on Steel Creek, all which Tracts of Land (only them excepted) to be Sold by me Executors for the purpose of paying my Just debts if necessary--

I give and bequeath to my Son Stephen Smith that Tract of Land I purchased from Alex. Wood, with the Land I run Joining it also one Tract of Land opposite to Woods Tract lying in the State of Georgia to him & his Heirs lawfully begotten for Ever--

It is my Will that my Wife & Children may live on my Plantation on Steel Creek and carry on the Business of the Saw Mill untill the Children come of Age & then to have their proportion of I shall hereafter leave them.--

I give and bequeath to my Beloved Wife Martha Smith, also to my dear Children Elinor Smith, Stephen Smith, Ann Smith & Henrietta Smith the Plantation I now live on, on Steel Creek, with all the Land that lyes convenient to it, also all my Negroes, Male & Female, Horses, Cows, Farming Utensills & household furniture and every implement (that belongs to my Saw Mills, To them & their Heirs lawfully begotten Share & Share alike forever--

In Case my Dear Wife should be with Child & it should please God to live to come of Age then it is my Will it should have

an equal Share of the last Devise I made to my Wife & Children
I give to my Dear Daughter Sarah Calphin the following Ne-
groes Lucy and Anay. Celia & her Child with their future In-
crease. also one Horse & a Sute of Mourning to Her & her Heirs
for Ever--

Lastly I appoint my Beloved Wife, Martha Smith, John Parkin-
son, William Vince and Alexander Newman Executors to this my
last Will and Testament. And I do hereby revoke all former
Will or Wills by me made and do acknowledge this to be my last
Will and Testament, And have hereto Set my Hand and and Seal
this 15th Day of October in the Year of our Lord 1788 light
Memorandum before Signing, "Also one Tract of Land opposite to
it in Georgia in the 12th line was interlined.

Stephen Smith (SEAL)

Signed Sealed Declared & Published

in the Presence of us who have
Subscribed our Names as Witnesses.

hereto John Collins

George Wiggins

Rachel Walker

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Thom. Wyld Dye. NC

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