

Aaron
Smith
will

In the name of God Amen I Aaron Smith of the County of Southampton and Parish of St. Lukes being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following;

My will and desire is that the whole of my estate should be kept together (except cash) for the education of my children until my son Thomas Smith arrives to the age of Twenty one Years, then I lend to my beloved wife Rebecca Smith the whole of my personal estate that is, my household and kitchen furniture plantation utensils and stock of all kinds during her natural life, and when my son Thomas Smith arrives to the age of Twenty years I desire that the whole of my Negroes should be equally divided among my wife and children and my wife part to be retained at her death and be equally divided between my three children ~~and~~ ^{my} Turner Smith, Thomas Smith and Polly Smith to them and their heirs forever—

My Will and desire is that at the death of my wife that my Land & Plantations should be sold by my Executors whom I shall hereafter appoint and the Money arising from such sale be equally divided between my children to them and their heirs forever—

My will is, that if the profits of my estate in possession of my Wife, and the interest of my money not be sufficient for schooling and educating my two sons William Turner Smith and Thomas Smith jointly— I give my Executors power, or their Guardians, to take as much of the principal as may be sufficient for that purpose,

My Will and desire is that all my Open Accounts should be paid by my Executors as quick as possible and my just debts paid out of them and the balance to be kept in the hands of my Executors or my representatives until my son Thomas Smith arrives to the age of Twenty one Years then an equal division to take place in the said Bonas that remains in between my children William Turner Smith Thomas Smith and Polly Smith to them and their heirs forever—

Lastly I do constitute and appoint my Friends Thomas Holliday Jr & Benjamin Blunk Jr the whole and sole Executors of this my last will & Testament WITNESSE my hand & seal this 4th day of February 1750
Signed, Sealed, & Delivered
in presence of

James Edwamack
Barnwell Testbrook
David Westbrook

Aaron Smith (Seal)